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US 'show of force' criticized

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Lawson heads for cash struggle with Heseltine

By Phillip Webster, Political Editor

Mr Nigel Lawson and Mr Michael Heseltine are heading for a confrontation over the rising level of defence spending. Mr Lawson, the new Chancellor of the Exchequer, is authoritatively expected to question seriously in his first public spending review the necessity for Britain to extend its commitment to Nato's target of a 3 per cent per year growth in defence expenditure. The commitment expires in 1985-86, but a decision on whether it should continue in 1986-87 will have to be taken soon. Mr Heseltine, the Secretary of State for Defence, is expected to seek the renewal of the commitment for that year and well beyond.

Mr Lawson will argue that maintenance of the 3 per cent target will mean that defence would have to take more resources at the expense of areas like health and education. Mr Heseltine, however, will put up a tough fight, boosted by his success, against Treasury opposition, in getting the Cabinet to back British technology with the £250m order for the new Air-Launched Anti-Radiation Missile (ALARM) for the Royal Air Force rather than the American High Speed Anti-Radiation Missile (HARM), already in production. Treasury officials have emphasized that the 3 per cent Nato figure is only a target which Britain has been more virtuous than other countries in meeting. Mr Lawson will point out that since the mid 1970s defence has gone ahead of health and education to become the second largest consumer of public money.

At present it is some £16,000m a year, compared with £35,000m on social security, £14,500m on health and £12,500m on education, and officials point out that factors such as the cost of maintaining a growing population of old people mean that defence spending cannot go on rising proportionately more than social spending. Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, is seen as a key figure in the forthcoming Cabinet argument. His predecessor, Mr Francis Pym and Lord Carrington, had both previously served as defence secretaries and could be counted on to support the Ministry of Defence in its battles with the Treasury. Sir Geoffrey, as a former Chancellor and architect of the strategy Mr Lawson is maintaining, can be expected to back his successor.

Mr Lawson, left, and Mr Heseltine.

The argument between the Treasury and the Defence Ministry will extend to extra spending requests from defence which form part of the £5,000m that will have to be trimmed from programmes if the Government is to hold public spending for 1984-85 to the planned level of £126,400m. Talks between Mr Peter Rees, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, and ministers about where savings are to be made have started and will continue through the autumn, leading to a statement in November. MPs are looking forward to the likely clash between Mr Lawson and Mr Heseltine with keen interest. Mr Heseltine let his close colleagues know that he was furious last month at having to agree, the day after he published his defence White Paper, to a £240m spending cut as part of Mr Lawson's emergency £500m package of cuts. He was said then to have vowed not to let it happen again.

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Nkomo ends British exile today

By Rodney Cowton

Mr Joshua Nkomo, leader of the Opposition in Zimbabwe, is to fly back to Harare today after five months in exile in Britain. The timing of his return will have been strongly influenced by a desire to defend his seat in the Zimbabwe House of Assembly against a move due on Wednesday which would dispossess him of it.

In an official statement, made on his behalf Mr Nkomo, aged 66, said: "When I was forced by events to leave my country, I made it clear I was not leaving just for my own safety. I have made use of this enforced absence to work out ways of trying to achieve a solution to the problems of my country. I shall be attending the session of Parliament in Harare on Wednesday when I shall have more to say." Mr Nkomo left Zimbabwe after a series of incidents in



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Chad leader ready to defend south

N'jamena (Reuters) - President Hissene Habre's Government seems prepared to defend the north of Chad after the capture of Faya-Largeau by ex-President Goukouni Oueddei's forces last week, according to informed sources. It seems determined, however, to make a stand to the south.

France's senior presidential adviser on African affairs, M. Guy Penne, had talks yesterday with President Habre as French paratroops were ordered to dislodge a military outpost 150 miles north of the capital, to train Chadian troops in the use of anti-aircraft and anti-tank weapons.

A first contingent of 150 paratroops was dispatched on Saturday to Abéché, the main town in eastern Chad and one of Mr Habre's traditional strongholds. French troops are under orders not to engage in fighting. The dispatch of French troops to Abéché and Salal appeared to confirm that Government forces were establishing a defence line from east to west.

Sources said that Mr Habre was bound to renew calls for France to provide air cover and send in combat troops in his meeting with M Penne, who arrived from Bangui to the neighbouring Central African Republic.

Mr Habre has claimed that Libyan aggression justifies French intervention. Last week he accused M Penne and other French officials of being members of a "Libyan lobby" seeking to avoid antagonizing Colonel Gaddafi. PARIS: French support for Chad will develop according to circumstances and will be decided on solely by the Government. M Claude Cheyres, French Foreign Minister, said over the weekend (AFP reports).

M Cheyres who was speaking in Bargemon, southern France, confirmed that the French troops in Chad could defend themselves if attacked. BRAZZAVILLE: Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam, the Eritrean leader and chairman of the Organization of African Unity, was to hold informal talks with other African leaders yesterday on events in Chad (AFP reports).

Leaders of 10 Central African states are in Brazzaville to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of Congo's revolution.

Three years ago on August 14 Lech Walesa climbed into the Lenin shipyards in Gdansk to address a strike that was to trigger unrest throughout Poland and which eventually led to the birth of Solidarity. Yesterday, with Solidarity almost buried, the Gdansk shipyard workers marked the anniversary with characteristic defiance. In the yards, a clandestinely printed leaflet called on the Polish authorities to start talks with Mr Walesa before August 22, otherwise Polish workers would stage a go-slow for 10 days. Outside the yards 2,000 workers tried unsuccessfully to lay bunches of flowers at the foot of three crosses that commemorate workers shot during unrest in 1970 along the Baltic coast.

Date with defiance for Gdansk

From Roger Boyes Warsaw

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Both sides alleged attempted ball-tossing and intimidation of voters. Reporters in Ibadan said several other bodies had been found and the official toll was expected to rise. Newspapers reported that in Ilesha, another Oyo town, there was one death, with two in Ijebu-Ode, in neighbouring Ondo state, and two in the Maroko area of Lagos. Police confirmation was not available. The remaining deaths were announced by Mr Uba Ahmed, NPN national secretary, who said six party members had been killed in the town of Abeokuta in western Ogun state, but did not make it clear when. "Our followers have been subjected to all kinds of brutal killings and beatings. We have just lost six men in Abeokuta as of now," he told a news conference. Houses and cars were also reported to have been burnt in some towns as large groups of vigilantes hunted for what they said was evidence of attempts to rig the elections.

Threats mar papal visit

From Roger Beardwood Paris

Stooping and looking tired, the Pope arrived five minutes late yesterday for the start of a two-day pastoral visit and pilgrimage to Lourdes, the centre of French devotion to the Virgin Mary and St Bernadette, who claimed to have seen her in a vision in 1858.

President Mitterrand was waiting at Tarbes airport, about eight miles from Lourdes, when the Pope's DC9 airliner touched down.

As the Pope left the aircraft, the band of the Garde Republicaine played the Vatican national anthem, followed by the "Marseillaise", ecclesiastical dignitaries, Government ministers, members of the Senate and the National Assembly, and mayors were also at the airport.

In his welcome M Mitterrand said he saluted in the papacy "an institution that has marked profoundly all of history," and particularly that of France. The Pope had made his own "the great causes of peace, solidarity and justice."

The Pope, in turn, said the French people - both Christian and non-Christian - stood for "liberty, equality and peace among all the world's peoples."

Children presented the Pope with bouquets of flowers in the papal colours of pale yellow and gold before he and M Mitterrand left by helicopter for a one-hour private meeting at the prefecture of Tarbes, formerly an archbishop's palace.

Meanwhile, in Lourdes, crowds estimated at more than 200,000 had spent the day singing hymns and praying while they waited for the Pope's arrival. Many hundreds were on crutches or in wheelchairs, invalids who believe in the miracle-working properties of the Lourdes waters.

But the crowds, the religious fervour, and the flag-bedecked streets and banners failed to mask the tensions. Up to 4,000 policemen, including paramilitary units, were on rooftops and special Continued on page 6, col 4

6-mile oil slick hits East Coast beaches

Police cleared holiday-makers from some beaches in Essex yesterday when a six-mile oil slick started to come ashore.

Council officials set up an all-night watch to monitor the slick which stretched from Southend to Shoeburyness. It was, they said, the most serious incident of its type for several years.

A Port of London Authority spokesman said it was believed to be fuel oil from the Shell and Mobil refineries on Canvey Island. Temperatures continued to rise yesterday, reaching 82°F in London.

Campaign calm shattered

12 die in Nigeria poll violence

Lagos (Reuters) - Twelve people were killed in western Nigeria during voting to elect state governors, according to reports here yesterday.

The violence was worse in the western state of Oyo, and marred a generally peaceful polling period that started on August 6 with the presidential election. Police imposed a dawn-to-dusk curfew there from last night.

At least one person was killed in Ibadan, the state capital, when fighting broke out between supporters of President Shehu Shagari's National Party of Nigeria and those of the Unity Party of Nigeria, which rules the state. Paramilitary police used tear gas to disperse crowds.

Both sides alleged attempted ball-tossing and intimidation of voters. Reporters in Ibadan said several other bodies had been found and the official toll was expected to rise.

Houses and cars were also reported to have been burnt in some towns as large groups of vigilantes hunted for what they said was evidence of attempts to rig the elections.

Industry on the alert for infiltrators

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

British industry is going on the alert for extreme left-wing trade union infiltrators after the unmasking of 13 alleged Trotskyist "moles" at BL's Cwley motor manufacturing plant. Personnel managers are being advised to scrutinize very carefully the application forms of men and women seeking jobs, particularly if they subsequently show an interest in becoming shop stewards. A spokesman for the Institute of Directors said yesterday that private sector companies were stepping up their monitoring systems in the wake of last week's dismissal of undercover militants by BL Cars. "There is already a considerable amount of cooperation at

dismissed staff at Cwley being, said that the first responsibility for recruitment policy lay with the company. "We expect them to join the union, and invariably they do," he said. It was impossible for the union to identify "notorious troublemakers," he said. "We have to accept who they elected. This is democracy." There is to be a local TGWU inquiry into the Cwley revelations but Mr Hawley ruled out a "witch-hunt". Six of the 13 dismissed workers, including three women, have had their appeals rejected by the company. A similar fate appears to be in store for the remaining seven who appeal against dismissal today. Leftist moles, page 2



Golden moment: Cram wins the 1,500 metres, with his fellow-Briton, Overtt, in fourth place.

Cram wins gold on last day at Helsinki

By Our Sports Staff

The world athletics championships in Helsinki ended on a triumphant note for Britain yesterday when Steve Cram won the gold medal in the 1,500 metres. Cram, aged 22, took the lead with 200 metres to go and withstood the challenges of the American, Steve Scott, who was second, and of Said Aouita, of Morocco, who was third. Fourth was Britain's other finalist, Steve Overtt, who lost his chance of a medal when boxed in at the start of the last lap.

Cram's victory completes his emergence from the shadows of Overtt, the world record holder, and Sebastian Coe, who was absent from the championships because of illness. Cram won the European and Commonwealth titles last year.

Britain also won two bronze medals yesterday. In the women's 200 metres Kathy Cook finished third behind Marita Koch, of East Germany, and the Jamaican, Marlene Ottey, and the relay team of Ainsley Bennett, Garry Cook, Todd Bennett and Philip Brown took third place in the men's 4 x 400 metres. Their success owed much to a spectacular fall by the American, Willie Smith.

For the second time in the championships Allan Wells, the British sprinter, failed by one place to win a medal. He finished fourth in the 100 metres and did so again in the 200, won by Calvia Smith, of the United States. The Republic of Ireland had a gold medal winner - their first for 27 years in a major championships - in Eamonn Coghlan in the 5,000 metres.

Mary Decker, of the United States, underlined her supremacy in women's middle distance running when she followed her win in the 3,000 metres by taking the 1,500 metres title. Australia's Robert de Castella won the marathon.

Frank Dick, Britain's national coach, yesterday rebutted stories that athletes were involved in obtaining proscribed drugs on mail order. Mr Dick said: "I know not of British athlete in track and field who is or has ever seriously contemplated being involved with these illegal substances." Reports and results, page 18

Year in hand for BA sell-off

By Anthony Hilton and Paul Routledge

British Airways will be ready to be sold to the public by the autumn of 1984, almost a year ahead of schedule, Sir John King, chairman of the airline, said yesterday.

But the flotation is likely to be delayed until 1985 to avoid a clash with the planned privatization of British Telecom, due late next year.

Before the airline can be sold to the private sector, Sir John has repeatedly said, it needs to be making profits at a rate of at least £20m a year. That compares with profits of only £77m announced in June for the 1982-83 financial year, and a loss of £544m the year before that.

But with the world's airlines rapidly returning to profitability as a result of drastic cost cutting and an rise in demand as the world pulls out of recession, such an improvement is quite possible. Though the Government is keen that the airline be denationalized as soon as possible, Sir John said he was "in no panic" about that being delayed until 1985. "I do not think there is any great urgency about 1984. My job was to get the airline ready, which I will have done. The actual timing is a matter for the Government."

A considerable amount of work still needs to be done to put the airline's finances in order and to alleviate the £1bn burden of debt. Sir John denied that he was asking the Government to write off all or part of this debt, but said that he had to negotiate a form of bridging loan which would then be repaid out of the proceeds of the share issue.

Sir John's optimism contrasted strongly with a policy statement from the TUC published today. It says that Britain may not have a viable aerospace industry in 10 years, if the Government fails to take a number of strategic decisions soon.

TUC leaders have called on the Cabinet and British Airways to declare their firm backing for the new high-technology Airbus A320 and to make rapid decisions to avoid tens of thousands of redundancies.

The TUC remains bitterly hostile to the denationalization of British Aerospace.

Sir John King repeated yesterday that he had no intention of buying the A320 at this time. "A decision will be taken at the end of this month. But the A320 remains a paper aeroplane. I am not in the business of launching a new plane, have had enough trouble launching this airline," he said. He did not rule out a purchase of the aircraft sometime in the future, however.

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# Police arm grip blamed for man's death in struggle with officers

By a Staff Reporter

Police attempts to restrain Mr James Davy during questioning were responsible for his death after a struggle at a Coventry police station, according to an independent report on the incident.

Dr Ernest Milford Ward, of Leicester, a retired pathologist, states that the arm grip officers used to overcome Mr Davy's struggles had been banned in the United States and should not have been used in Britain. But he also says that the police were "damned unlucky" that their actions ended in Mr Davy's death.

Mr Davy, aged 40, collapsed on March 11 when the police, who said they thought he was about to head-butt them, fell on him with one officer holding him round the throat. His heart stopped during the struggle, and he was taken to Coventry and Warwick Hospital where he was put on a life-support system, but doctors declared him clinically dead and the system was switched off after 11 days.

Mr Davy had been held in custody for 17 hours while the police tried to persuade him to go to London to answer questions about the shooting of Mr Patrick O'Nione outside a dockland wine bar.

Dr Milford Ward, who examined Mr Davy's body on April 17 and spoke to Coventry



Mr James Davy: 'Highly volatile'.

police about the struggle, said yesterday that Mr Davy had died because of the excited state he was in. "This chap was grossly over-excited, had been chain smoking and was in a highly volatile state."

"When the struggle took place, a policeman grabbed him from behind, put his left arm around his neck with his left hand on his right shoulder. In order to restrain him, he pulled him back on his knee and Davy then fell forward. The

policeman then fell on top of him.

"According to my information, he could have got brain damage from that injury because of the anoxia [lack of oxygen]. This grip has been banned by the American police because it is so dangerous, and it should be banned here."

A report on Mr Davy's death was compiled by Mr Charles Horan, Assistant Chief Constable (Crime) of Greater Manchester Police, and sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions, who is considering whether charges should be brought against police officers. Dr Milford Ward said he would not recommend such action.

"I think the police were damned unlucky. Unfortunately they started off a chain reaction by restricting blood to the brain, and after that, nothing was going to stop him dying," he said.

Dr Milford Ward said he was acting on behalf of Mr Davy's family, but was totally independent. "Everybody else ducked it because it was so controversial, people just did not want to get involved," he said.

The inquest on Mr Davy stands adjourned.



# London Tamils pray for families in Sri Lanka

Tamils prayed and fasted at the Britannia Hindu Temple in Highgate Hill, north London, yesterday for the welfare of Tamils in Sri Lanka after the recent racial riots in the island. The half-day fast was also to raise money for the 130,000 refugees who fled their homes in the riots in which the official death toll is put at 350 and in which 20,000 Tamil businesses were attacked or destroyed (Nicholas Timmins writes).

The special ceremony was conducted by six priests with offerings of food, flowers and fire to the ancient Tamil warrior god Murugan. Hindu leaders among the Tamil community are writing to Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, and to President Jinnas Jayewardene, calling for an end to the "genocide". There are an estimated

35,000 Tamils in Great Britain, concentrated in and around London, most of whom still have close family links with Sri Lanka. Many arrived in the 1960s and early 1970s after previous riots and after the introduction of regulations that would have compelled English speaking Tamils in the professions to learn Sinhalese in order to work.

In Britain, many have prospered. The temple is in the middle of a £200,000 conversion programme with money raised in the Tamil community. Originally a church, the building was for many years a synagogue until it was burnt out in the 1970s. With much of the local Jewish community having moved away, the building was taken over by the Tamils and decoration is to start soon (Photographs: Tony Weaver).

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# Boy, 9, has marrow transplant

A boy aged nine who has leukaemia was in a satisfactory condition in a London hospital yesterday after a seven-hour bone marrow transfusion.

Robert Allen received the marrow from the hip bone of his brother David, aged 16, in an operation on Saturday night at the Westminster Children's Hospital.

His parents travelled from the family home in Withybed Lane, Inkberrow, near Redditch, Hereford and Worcester, to be at his bedside.

The disease was diagnosed when Robert was 18 months old. He has twice undergone lengthy periods of drug treatment but each time suffered a relapse.

Doctors had said that his



Robert Allen with his brother David.

long-term chances of survival were low without the marrow transplant, which now gives him a 50 per cent chance.

The hospital said yesterday: "The operation went very smoothly and Robert is quite satisfactory. But it will be at least two weeks before we have any definite indication of whether the operation has been completely successful."

All members of the family underwent tests to see who would be most suitable for the transfusion.

# TV-am viewers top million mark

By Kenneth Gosling

Roland Rat has been nibbling away at the BBC breakfast television viewing figures giving TV-am, the commercial company, a lead over the corporation for the first time since the two joined battle six months ago.

As well as TV-am's popular cartoon character which hoists its ratings to more than a million at 9am every weekday, against the BBC's best of 900,000 and worst, on Mondays, of 400,000, Diana Dors's weekly slimming classes just before 9am on Fridays are also breaking the million-viewer barrier. At earlier times on weekdays the BBC still stays ahead, although it admitted

yesterday that the once yawning gap had now narrowed.

The BBC attributed TV-am's success to school holiday programming and to the extra time it has after nine o'clock. The BBC figures, a spokesman said, had not gone down as dramatically as TV-am's had gone up.

Nevertheless, TV-am has put on 700,000 viewers in a fortnight. Figures released by the Broadcasters' Audience Research Board for the week ended August 7 show that the TV-am audience was never less than 600,000 while on one occasion, 9am on Monday that week, the BBC had only 400,000.

Breakfast viewing figures, week ending August 7, broken down in 15-minute segments:

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9am	1m	7m	1m	1.2m	7m
9.15	1m	7m	1.1m	1.2m	7m
9.30	1m	7m	1.1m	1.2m	7m
9.45	1m	7m	1.1m	1.2m	7m
9am	4m	1.1m	5m	1.4m	5m

# Survey scheme launched to help flat-buyers

By Baron Phillips, Property Correspondent

A new deal for flat buyers is launched today. It aims to give a prompt and economical survey of a flat and professional advice on its value.

The Flat Buyers' Report and Valuation Scheme is being established by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. It follows the institution's House Buyers' Report and Valuation Scheme launched two years ago.

Under the new scheme, buyers will be able to receive an easily understood report on the state of repair of the flat and other parts of the building in which some owners may share responsibility for repairs.

The report will apply to both converted flats and those in purpose-built blocks. Apart from examining the roof of the building, where accessible, chartered surveyors will inspect

shared entrances and other common parts such as stairways. The report will also cover such aspects as central services, like heating and water supply, as well as the condition of the flat itself.

Included in the report will be comment on management of the block. A check list of questions has been produced which the buyer should ask his solicitor covering such items as the terms of repair and maintenance agreement and responsibility for the replacement of lifts, and other service installations.

The cost of the service, which will include a market valuation, will vary according to the age, size, condition and price of the property. As with any other type of survey, it will probably be useful for buyers to shop around among chartered surveyors.

# Animal gift by Herriot character

Miss Marjorie Warner, who became one of the writer James Herriot's favourite characters, left most of her £90,270 estate to Help The Aged and other charities for the old and needy.

Miss Warner, who was a model for his character Mrs Pumphrey, also left £500 each to the Blue Cross Animal Hospital and the Performing Animals Defence League.

Her Pekinese dog Tricky Woo also inspired a character in Mr Herriot's books, which were later made into the television series *All Creatures Great And Small*.

Miss Warner lived in Sowerby near Thirsk, North Yorkshire, where Mr Herriot was a veterinary surgeon for many years. Then she moved to Marine Parade, Saltburn, Cleveland, where she died in May, aged 86.

Her funeral in Sowerby was attended by Mr Herriot, Miss Warner, who enjoyed horseracing and had a 10p bet every day, also left £100 to the Injured Jockeys Fund.

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# Astor in fight over sculptures

Sevenoaks District Council want Lord Astor to return 26 sculptures which it claims were removed without listed building consent from Hever Castle, his former home, at Edenbridge, Kent.

The sculptures were in Hever's Italian Gardens, which are included in the Department of the Environment's list of Grade 2 buildings of architectural and historical interest. They were sold at Sotheby's last month for £276,000. Lord Astor says they were his own personal property.

# Architects earn 8.4% more

Architects' earnings in Britain increased in real terms in the year ended on April 1 by 8.4 per cent.

The Royal Institute of British Architects says average earnings of architects in full-time employment rose from £11,066 in 1982 to £12,000 in 1983. Principal architects' earnings went up by 6.4 per cent to £13,000, salaried architects by 8.9 per cent to £9,413 and local authority architects by 7.8 per cent to £12,338.

# Crash landings at balloon event

Police and fire services were flooded with emergency calls yesterday as dozens of hot air balloons crash landed in Bristol, Avon, because of a lack of wind.

One balloon landed outside a local radio station, another outside the Mansion House. Yet another landed in front of clergy as they left Bristol Cathedral after the morning service. Fifty-six balloons were taking part in the annual Bristol Balloon Fiesta.

# Heatwave kills hundreds of birds

By a Staff Reporter

The hot weather has killed many water-based birds in several parts of Britain. The sun and the lack of rain have caused the spread of botulism, which attacks their nervous systems.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said yesterday that it had been a very bad year for some birds. Last week more than 100 wildfowl at the Attenborough Nature Reserve, Nottingham, became the latest casualties of Britain's hottest summer since 1976.

Similar incidents have been reported by the Society in Norfolk and in Regent's Park, central London. On the boating lake in Regent's Park about 200 ducks and swans have died and in Norfolk about 130 birds, including gulls, mallards, geese and coots have perished.

Mr Tim Stowe of the society explained that botulism causes paralysis which affects the birds' wings, necks and legs and they waste away through their inability to feed and water.

He said that the affected birds are those which live in normally wet areas with fairly dense vegetation. They become breeding grounds for botulism when the water table is lowered.

The Thames estuary, Mersey estuary, Firth of Forth and parts of Norfolk, where shallow water can be found close to effluent pipes and rubbish tips, are bad areas for botulism.

While Britain's birdlife is suffering, the heat has proved a blessing to other wildlife.

The Royal Society for Nature Conservation notes that there have been far more butterflies than usual. Swarms of clouded yellows, painted ladies, red admirals, peacocks and tortoiseshells have been seen throughout the countryside.

Sea swimmers have been stung by Portuguese man o' war jellyfish, which have drifted into British waters.

Large numbers of shark have been seen off the Dorset and Devon coasts. A 24ft basking shark was seen in a Dorset bay.

One benefit of a hot summer is that many sub-tropical birds are attracted to British shores. For the first time in 40 years a block-winged stilt was spotted on a reserve in East Anglia.

Wild geese invading farms in search of food are damaging crops in East Anglia, according to the Country Landowners' Association. Landowners in Norfolk say that geese have become "an absolute menace" to winter cereals, grass and vegetables. They are demanding a cull.

# Death Row wife's appeal for life

By Richard Evans

A British woman sentenced to hang in South Africa for the murder of her husband will have her appeal against conviction and sentence heard tomorrow, when attempts will probably be made to introduce new evidence.

Maureen Smith, aged 39, will remain in her Death Row cell in Pretoria's maximum security jail while five Appeal Court judges consider her case in Bloemfontein, 250 miles away.

The hearing is expected to last two days and the result should be announced within a week. A British consular official is expected to attend the appeal.

Mrs Smith, born in east London, emigrated to South Africa in 1975 shortly after marrying her third husband, Mr Roger Smith, in Brentwood, Essex. Mr Smith, a quantity surveyor, was stabbed to death in the back garden of their Johannesburg home last July.

Mrs Smith was sentenced to death after the court was told that she and other members of her family had spent months plotting her husband's death because he refused to give her a divorce.

Mrs Smith's chauffeur, Jack Ramogale, and David Mnguni, who killed Mr Smith, were also sentenced to hang. Ramogale, aged 25, was said to have been offered 500 rand (£275) by Mrs Smith to find a killer, and Mnguni,



Maureen Smith: New evidence.

aged 35, was promised 10,000 rand (£5,500) for the killing. Their appeals against sentence will also be heard tomorrow.

Mrs Smith, who has spent 265 days in prison awaiting tomorrow's appeal, will be represented by Mr Douglas Shaw, QC, one of South Africa's leading lawyers. He is likely to seek leave to introduce new evidence from statements made in London by Mrs Smith's father, Mr Harry Mullucks.

It was alleged during the trial that Mr Mullucks, an East Ham insurance assessor, had suggested sending "heavies" from England to kill Mr Smith. Mr Mullucks, aged 71, has made sworn affidavits detailing his knowledge and involvement in events prior to Mr Smith's death.

If the court agrees to receive new evidence it will probably authorize a special hearing in London where Mr Mullucks would give evidence and face cross-examination. Mr Mullucks had wanted to fly to South Africa to give evidence at his daughter's trial, but he was refused immunity from possible prosecution.

Mr Mullucks said: "Maureen is bearing up and she is in a determined mood. I am praying and hoping the five judges of the Appeal Court extend to my daughter compassion and understanding. I believe her to be innocent and that she had no knowledge of what was to happen on the evening in question."

Mr Duncan Downes, a Durban-based solicitor, saw Mrs Smith on Friday. He said afterwards: "She is very anxious, very nervous and very concerned. Her thinking on all matters is not perfectly coherent. She has been under enormous strain, not only because of her sentence, but the strain of being where she is is enormous."

Mr Downes added that Mrs Smith's prospects in the appeal were "sound". If Mrs Smith's appeal fails, a plea for clemency will be submitted to the state president. In theory, he alone would decide whether Mrs Smith should hang. But in practice the South African Cabinet would almost certainly make the final decision.

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# Irish priest held in riots as Chile protesters try to bury their dead

Santiago (AP, AFP) - A Roman Catholic priest from Ireland was arrested along with at least 20 mourners as disorders erupted at funeral services here for two of the 24 people killed during anti-government demonstrations. At least five funeral processions turned into protest marches.

Missionaries, said he was arrested while walking home from a cemetery, and then beaten and kicked for an hour on a police bus and in a police station. He said he was released late on Saturday without being charged.

He said that "professional provocateurs" were responsible for the disorders, but did not describe the circumstances of the victims' death. Señor Onofre Jarpa said continuation of violent demonstrations could lead to civil war.

# Mexico and US in search for stability

From John Carlin, La Paz, Mexico

President Reagan arrived yesterday in the town of La Paz, at the southern tip of the Mexican peninsula of Baja California, for a day of talks with President Miguel de la Madrid. Central America was expected to be the chief issue under discussion at the summit, the first between the neighbouring Presidents.

Governments on how to defuse them remain marked. President de la Madrid said in an interview on American television on Thursday that the presence of American warships off Central American coasts would put an obstacle in the way of peace efforts in the region, particularly attempts to avoid war between left-wing Nicaragua and US-backed Honduras.

# Plane given to Belize

Britain has given Belize, its former Central American colony, two Defender Islander aircraft to strengthen its defences, according to a statement from Belmopan (Reuters reports).

"We agree to disagree" on foreign policy is always the line of the American Embassy in Mexico City. There was little reason to believe that there would be any unaccustomed friction between the two Presidents, or between Mr George Shultz, US Secretary of State and Mexico's Foreign Minister, Sr. Bernardo Sepúlveda, who were also present.

Members of the Defence Force are being trained in Canada to fly and maintain the aircraft, which are to be used mainly for transport, reconnaissance and rescue operations.

There has been much speculation in Washington and Mexico City that President Reagan planned to use the meeting to put pressure on Mexico to toe the more belligerent American line on Central America, instead of pursuing a policy of negotiation with all parties, the Sandinistas in Nicaragua included.

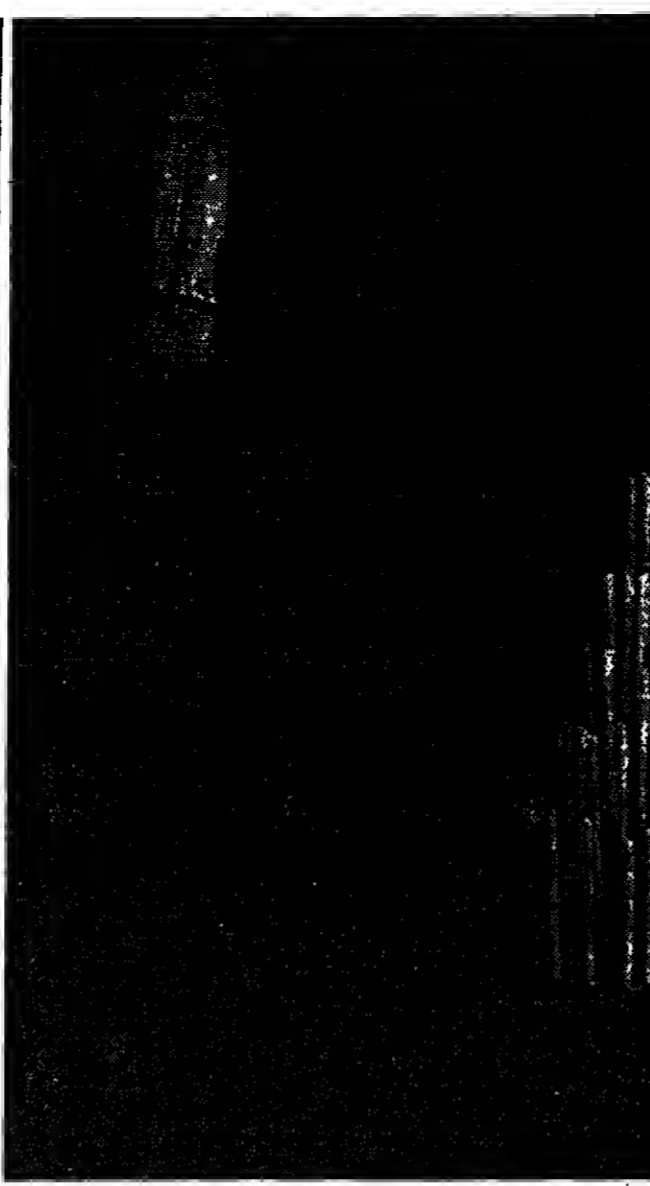
# Ankara inquiry on politicians' leak to 'Times'

Ankara (Reuters) - Military officials are investigating how a protest published in *The Times* from 16 detained Turkish politicians left the military base where they are being held, sources close to the detainees said at the weekend.

# UN race conference heeds West's views

An action programme for the second decade against racism - to follow the present decade which ends in December - was adopted here at the weekend, amid some controversy, by the 10-day second United Nations world conference on racism and racial discrimination.

Several paragraphs were voted on separately by the 126 nations represented so that Western countries could register their reservations on the call for intensified measures to isolate South Africa, including termination of business contacts and an embargo on the supply of strategic commodities, especially oil.



Pilgrim's homage: The Pope praying in front of the Virgin's statue inside the Sacred Grotto in Lourdes.

# Threats strain Pope's Lourdes visit

Continued from page 1 units kept the crowds under surveillance with sophisticated television and infrared cameras.

Hours before the Pope's arrival, police closed all roads into the town. Detectives detained for questioning a dozen Basque nationalists on the French side of the border with Spain.

On Friday, an explosion wrecked the first Station of the Cross - the basilica in Lourdes.

The faithful in French, he walked in a candlelit procession to the basilica, where he was due to give another sermon.

# Security around Beirut deteriorates Gemayel takes up Druze challenge in Chouf

After a humiliating week in which Druze militiamen in the Chouf mountains captured 50 of their soldiers and 10 armoured personnel carriers, the Lebanese Army are pressing ahead with plans to send three mechanised brigades of troops into the hills when the Israelis start their military withdrawal southwards to the Awali river.

Senior Lebanese officers in Beirut say that the Israelis have now withdrawn all their logistic and support units from the Chouf in preparation for departure.

Men of the 3rd, 4th and 8th Brigades with tanks and armoured personnel carriers into the Chouf, and expects that troops of the multinational force in Beirut will patrol the international highway between Beirut and the mountain town of Bhamdoun and the coastal highway from Beirut to the Awali.

On Wednesday and Thursday 20 Lebanese soldiers at the village were killed and six others wounded.

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# General to quit Army

Israel's former Chief of Military Intelligence, General Yehoshua Saguy, is leaving the Army after losing his previous post as a consequence of his actions during the massacre of Palestinians in Beirut refugee camps last year (Reuters reports).

# The world chess fracas

# Kasparov the superstar likely to keep his nerve

From Richard Owen Moscow The latest frays between Moscow and the International Chess Federation (Fide) could lead to the collapse of the current world championship and even threaten the structure of world chess, according to Soviet chess experts.

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# Cosmonaut warning averts flood disaster

Moscow (AFP) - The two Soviet cosmonauts, Commander Vladimir Liakhov and Alexander Alexandrov, who have been 47 days in their orbiting space station, have saved part of Soviet Central Asia from serious flooding by warning the flight command centre, Moscow radio reported yesterday.

# Spain agrees to fishing cuts

Rabat (Reuters) - Spain and Morocco have initiated a fishing agreement after seven months of tough negotiations which will force Spain to scrap part of its 1,200-strong fleet operating off Morocco, informed Spanish sources said.

# Four climbers die in Alps

Sion (AP) - Four climbers died in weekend accidents in the Swiss Alps, bringing the season's toll to 22. Two men climbing the Matterhorn's north face fell hundreds of feet onto a glacier.

# 'Reign of fear' in Philippines

Manila (Reuters) - The Archbishop of Manila, Cardinal Jaime Sin, said yesterday an atmosphere of fear and anguish prevailed in the Philippines because of social injustice and rampant violation of human rights.

# Flood rescue

Delhi (Reuters) - The Indian Army has been called in to help rescue thousands of people marooned by the flooding of the Godavari River in Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh, where at least 70 people have drowned or been killed by collapsing houses.

# Tanker sunk

Cape Town (Reuters) - The oil-laden bow section of the burnt-out Spanish supertanker Castillo de Bellver sank in the Atlantic 150 miles off the South African coast on Saturday after experts blew two holes in its side.

# Blaze beaten

Dar es Salaam (Reuters) - A forest fire, which threatened thousands of wild animals living on the slopes of the 19,340ft Mount Kilimanjaro, has been extinguished after a week-long struggle by Tanzanian firemen, soldiers and civilians.

# Peking appeal

Peking (Reuters) - The Government has called on foreign scientists of Chinese descent to show patriotism by coming to China and helping to develop their motherland, the New China news agency said.

# Pilgrims killed

Delhi (AFP) - Up to 60 pilgrims died in a stampede at a Hindu shrine in the north Indian state of Himachal Pradesh when a building belonging to a temple priest collapsed during a fair.

# Clemency plea

Bangkok - A former student activist, Chirawat Khuenpanya, aged 25, who is awaiting execution for killing a policeman, will ask King Bhumibol for clemency. His family has already lodged a similar appeal.

# Typhoon threat

Tokyo (Reuters) - High waves pounded Japan's Pacific coast and torrential rains lashed southern regions yesterday as two typhoons moved closer. Six swimmers were drowned in rough seas.

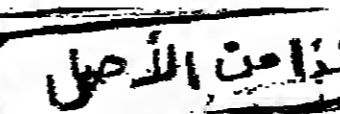
# Baltic barrier

Moscow (Reuters) - The Soviet Union has started to build a 15-mile barrier across the Bay of Finland to protect Leningrad from flooding during high tides in the Baltic, *Sovetskaya Rossiya* reported.

# Basque blast

Usurbil (Reuters) - Two separatist guerrillas died when their car blew up outside a factory in this Basque town, police said. They belonged to an anarchist offshoot of ETA.

Gary Kasparov: Unassuming superstar of chess.



Advertisement for 'Cosmonaut' featuring a large image of a person in a space suit and various text elements, including the word 'Cosmonaut' in a large font.

THE ARTS

Television Wall of sound

Those under 40 can hardly have forgotten the "Spector sound"...

Spector was a record producer who decided quite early on in his career...

It was good to know, from the credits that The Charterhouse of Parma...

Ooe Summer (Channel 4) last night followed the adventures of the "deprived but street-wise" boys from Liverpool...

Peter Ackroyd

Catherine Cookson has risen above adversity to a seemingly permanent place in the best-seller lists...

Returning to first principles



Catherine Cookson country is off the branch line from Newcastle to Hexham. At the station the visitor is met by Tom Cookson...

Doek her illegitimacy, her mother's alcoholism and her 12 years in the laundries of various workhouses...

"I now look back on the years between 40 and 50 as a painful nightmare", she wrote in her autobiography...

She took 12 years to write Our Kate, which turned out in the end to be more about her mother than herself...

Her words suggest complicity. But Catherine Cookson is a dogged researcher and her ovels are dense in historical detail...

"When Tom's school was evacuated in St Albans during the war we had a little flat opposite the library. I took a book every day: Chaucer, Emerson, John Donne...

There are ten unpublished novels - they didn't pass Tom's eye - and five more ready in her study...



Paolo Bocelli and Tania Rocchetta as the Macbeths

Theatre Stab in the back

Macbeth Riverside

The Compagnia del Collettivo from Parma arrives at the London International Festival of Theatre (LIFT '83) with a great deal of hype...

They use as much or as little of the text (in Italian) as they need to get to the heart of the play and present it in whatever mixture of modern styles seems apt...

How interesting is it as a theatrical spectacle? Sometimes pretty good. How mued does it have to say about Shakespeare's Macbeth (which is not the point anyhow)?

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play's synopsis in which the Witches salute Macbeth thrice merely from inability to get it right first time...

Along with all this goes an interesting portrayal of the Macbeths themselves as young parvenus lounging in front of a trendy little portable telly with a pile of paperback...

Lady Macbeth dies in Pirandellian style by throwing off her costume and marching off the set in ordinary clothes...

Anthony Masters

Promenade Concerts

BBCSO/Pritchard Albert Hall/Radio 3

Mahler's "most perfect work" and "his supreme masterpiece" two recent comments by Mahler scholars on Das Lied von der Erde...

On this occasion it was the vividly detailed orchestral writing that fired the imagination: the eerie, twisted pairs of wind instruments warbling sounds of nature...

William Lewis - a late replacement for Hermann Winkler - tackled bravely the bicentennial register of the first song...

Nicholas Kenyon ASMF/Marriner Albert Hall/Radio 3

What is one to say of a work by Peter Maxwell Davies that shatters no idols, does not rant and rail against the world...

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Rostropovich Festival Buoyant showman

The first Rostropovich Festival has happened at Snape: and with it, at its heart on Saturday night, the apotheosis of the inevitable Slava-and-friends concept...

The pictures, well hung in the unyielding proportions of the Malting, recital room, were spirited via slide and screen into the concert hall, where to the accompaniment of Rostropovich's buoyant verbal showmanship...

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MODERN TIMES



A sideways look at the British way of life

Not very long ago, when privilege and wealth were the prerogative of the upper classes, there were some people called Emsworth who had titles and butlers called Beach. They also owned a lot of the land over which they hunted, shot and fished.

to make ends meet - so much so that they sometimes had to sell off a wing of a house, or a few hundred acres, or even charge people called Smith, who wanted to see how the Emsworths lived, a couple of shillings to come and look over the house.

At the same time as all this was going on a lot of people were making a lot of money, more often than not out of selling for thousands of pounds the news cottages in which the Emsworths' retainers had lived rent-free for years. Or from installing central heating systems or keeping books or shops.

Then one day, by chance, Lord Emsworth and Mr Goldfinger and Mr Smith happened to meet

and between them cooked up a brilliant wheeze. (It was Goldfinger's idea but Emsworth and Smith quickly saw the logic of it.) To Lord Emsworth, Goldfinger said: "You've got the land but no money; I've got the money and a good head for business - and you" (to Smith) "who haven't much of either could, if all your friends chipped in, afford to buy a part of all the things you've dreamed of owning but could never afford."

And so the syndicate was born - a compromise, like most things in life, but one which gave all the members a slice of property and a slice of a dream. Thereafter syndicates and partnerships and consortia sprang up all over the place. Wherever there was a piece of property or a coveted object far too expensive for any one individual to buy, the syndicate bought. They purchased minor stately homes and turned them into country clubs or health farms, they bought yachts and racehorses, and sold shares to people who wanted to sail or swan around the Members' Enclosure; they even bought old masters and when they were not gathering dust in a vault, took it in turn to hang them in their various drawing rooms.

Lord Emsworth was happy because he was able to stay on in his estate and pay Fred the gamekeeper, and though he would have preferred not to have all the Smiths and Goldfingers wandering over his land and fishing his rivers, he was a realist and knew that this way at least there might be a bit left for his son. Smith was delighted because his wife could afford a tan and told all her friends that she owned a racehorse (though in fact she had only one-twelfth share).

Goldfinger was probably the happiest of all because, apart from the shares he owned in all the syndicates, he had made enough money to buy a few horses and lakes and houses outright.

Puffing his pipe of an evening, Lord Emsworth mused over a book of proverbs. He found an old Spanish one which said something to the effect that "he who divides gets the worst share", which confirmed what he had known all along, that foreigners didn't know what they were talking about.

Judy Froshaug

Penny Perick

Doctor's public orders



Our two most popular national pastimes, nosing into the private lives of the famous and worrying about the state of our health, have been cleverly combined in a new television series to be screened by HTV in the autumn. Called Consider Yourself, it films various celebrities doing what comes naturally and then hauls them in front of a doctor and psychologist to be given a serious talking-to.

Katie Boyle was so obviously a picture of gorgeous, glowing good health that she escaped censure. Roddy Llewellyn, though in good shape, was made so nervous by the proceedings that he reached out for more cigarettes than his normal ration. Darts player Eric Bristow turned out to be the villain of the piece: overweight, under-exercised, much given to late nights, late meals and lavish boozing.

However, he was so obviously fit and happy that he got away with a peevish warning to change his wicked ways by the time he's 30. The moral of that seems to be that a reckless youth is healthier than a misspent middle age.

What surprised Terry Miller, the programme's producer, was the way the normally self confident celebrities floundered helplessly when caught out in their bad habits. I understand how they felt when exposed to close questioning of the medical kind since, being pale and peaky looking, I am always having to submit to this kind of inquisition. Why don't I wear a vest? Why do I spend Sunday afternoons on a sofa with a pile of novels and a mug of coffee instead of getting some roses in my cheeks?

Undeterred by my cheerful ripostes, my husband even tenderly inquires every morning how I slept although by now he must have noticed that every night I fall into a snoring, ten hour stupor.

It's getting impossible for most of us to claim 101 per cent fitness in the light of so many diagnose-it-yourself books flooding the market, all of them crammed with diagrams of parts of the body you never worried about before because you didn't know you were carrying them around with you. Ever since the reading public has worked itself through Our Bodies, Ourselves, it's fatal to ask "How do you do?" since you will probably be told:

Someone's state of health is considered a suitable topic for conversation in a way the state of their bank balance or the state of their sex life is not. I feel sorry for David Steel, innocently turning up for a refreshing weekend at David Owen's country house and getting instead the doctor's bedside manner and advice on the lines of "why don't you take a good long rest... don't think of coming back to politics for a while... come back and see me again in 1977".

Just the sort of thing to make him wonder whether he was likely to last the night.

I shall be interested to see if the subjects of Consider Yourself do just what the television doctor ordered. Will Anne Nightingale give up smoking? Will Leslie Thomas lose some weight? Such riveting questions should not be left hanging in the airwaves and I certainly hope HTV is planning a second series, provisionally entitled Reconsider Yourself.

There is a lot of serious wardrobe confusion about. Jeanne Turnock was sacked from her job at a crematorium for wearing trousers; MP Edwina Currie's pink tracksuit got some pretty old-fashioned looks from the honourable members and barrister Anne Mollathieu's correct but dreary black working outfit was denied the "uniform" status that would have given her some tax relief.

We could simplify matters by adopting, to the last working woman among us, the American dress-for-success business look, worn by female secretaries and company presidents alike and consisting of a sober suit with a tailored jacket worn over a crisp blouse in an unexciting colour. The streets of any American city are full of women identically if uninspiringly dressed and they never wake up in the morning yelling, "What on earth am I going to wear today?"

Flavia Corkscrew is on holiday

Snooks and shares



THE BACK LEGS

Audrey Slaughter (above) former editor of Over 21, part owner of a racehorse

There's no way I could have afforded to buy a horse outright. But I like the glamour and excitement of the races - all those working chaps putting their money on the last race and pretty girls hanging on to their hats - and I fancy the idea of swanking around a bit as

an owner, choosing the colours. Unfortunately all the best ones had gone.

I used to say I'd love a share in a horse. Then a friend came along with a Jockey Club steward who's also a breeder and they found me Window Shopper, a very pretty two-year-old out of Town and Country and Watch 'em Go. She has a nice narrow head and isn't too long in the back. When we first bought her I hadn't an idea about all the extras that go with owning a horse - getting it registered with Wetherby's, paying the vet and the VAT and getting it a passport. Every month

you get these rather frightful bills!

I am the chief shareholder, having five shares which cost £355 each. David Blacker, the steward, kept two and so did our friend Count Casli, who was responsible for finding her, really. And a lady called Popsi, whom I haven't yet met, has the other three. I think the idea of owning a bit of a horse probably appeals to millions of women. I'm very pleased with ours. I've no desire to go and pat her nose or give her a sugar lump, but it must be lovely to lead in the winner!



THE SAME BOAT

Tony Chappell (left) managing director of Tarquin Timesharing

The cost of buying a small yacht is prohibitive to many people, but spread among 15 or 20 it becomes possible. We even have members who could afford to buy outright but don't want to make a large outlay on a boat they may use for only two weeks a year and which, for the remaining period, will be idle in the Mediterranean, deteriorating. And maintenance costs, along with the massive. People want ownership for a variety of reasons: many have found that yachting is a pleasant family activity but that sort of boat whose cost would come within their budget is not exactly



FISH AND SNIPS

Tim Nelson (left) landowner who runs a trout fishing syndicate

Basically we've got 14 acres of water, consisting of lakes - stocked with brown and rainbow trout. There are 35 members of the syndicate a good number - coming right across the board from a director of Barclays Bank to a local scrap metal merchant. I chose people very carefully, by interview, to make sure that

they're not going to abuse the free system. I don't like the sort of person who talks about the masses of fish he catches or who hauls fish out for the sake of it. We have boat and bank fishing: single fly, wet, dry or nymph. We don't allow lures, the whole idea, if you're a sporting man, is to fly-fish. A full rod costs £248 a year allows you to fish every day in season. You're limited to seven fish a week or two on any one day. If you fish on, you buy. Half rods cost £138 and you can fish for three days a month on any day of your choice. There

are a number of vacancies each year, but very few members leave. When you're out in the middle of the lake you know the phone isn't going to ring and you never really know what's there though you've heard talk of or seen "the big one". Members are not required to contribute any labour. I have a bailiff for that. I expect members to respect each other and the fish. This year for instance, one night the water temperature was on a lethal limit for trout, and we lost 300. Otherwise we leave people very much alone.



HORSE TRADING

Henry Possonby (right) syndicate manager of Shefford Bloodstock Services

The racing Establishment has always rather looked down its nose at syndicates. At first the Jockey Club didn't like the whole idea of working class people owning horses, and never contemplated people putting together syndicates professionally. Now they must see the benefits. If I were to count up all the money that's gone back

into racing since I started business in 1977, it would amount to about £750,000 - money the sport would not have had but for syndication. The maximum permitted size of a race-horse owner's syndicate is 12 people, and no person can be a member of more than 12 syndicates, though you can be in as many partnerships of up to four people as you like and can have between 5,000 and 15,000 members in a company such as we've just launched for only £200 per share. When I started business 40 per cent of my owners were probably in the hotel trade. Then we had green-grocers, Leyland shop

stewards, printers, retired army officers - sons of peers of the realm, policemen - and masses of women. A lot of men bought shares for wives or girlfriends. Now there are a lot more up-market people - chairmen, company directors. People buy in because owning a racehorse is glamorous. If you own a horse you can rub shoulders with the rich and famous, we had a horse running at Cheltenham in the same race as the Queen Mother's horse, both trained by Fulke Walwyn. We've beaten Sangster's horses and the Queen's, and with the new company our aim is to win the Derby.



ROOM SERVICE

Christopher Chapman (left) vice chairman of the Prestige Hotels Consortium and Managing Director of his own, family-run hotel

There are not that many smart, privately owned hotels left in Britain but there is a growing demand for the kind of quality that used to be associated with the best British hotels, nostalgia for comfort and service and good food and personal attention. Although

the hotels in the group are very different, we all pride ourselves on the high standards we try to achieve, but there is no way in which we could individually afford to do so - if we hadn't joined together. This way we can afford a central London office and a full-time marketing executive, and an overseas representative - particularly important for us in North America, where so many of our guests come from.

Because of the very high standards we set there is a natural limit to the number of hotels who can join the group (we are 35 at present). We recently re-examined our standards and raised the minimum. Unfortunately there were some casualties but in the process we attracted others who said that previously they had hesitated to apply "because we didn't quite like all the company you were keeping". Last year we had to double our subscription to £4,000 a year. We trust each other as individuals and as a group. All the hotels which apply to join are inspected anonymously by our members, several times, before they are proposed. It's because of joint interests and joint surveillance that we are, I think a kind of elite.

BANG GANG

Jonathan Abbott (right) writer, and life-long shooter with his own syndicate

Shooting's an expensive sport, like yacht-racing, or polo, if you come in from outside. The best number of people to shoot with is about six, anything over eight is not really on, and you do sometimes find 10. In my father's day anything beyond that was referred to as a hotel shoot. A syndicate is a bit like Dad's Army - a lot depends on the people in it. It's never the same as a private shoot of course, but it's a matter of finance. The cost of running a shoot could be £12,000 a year if you had to pay for everything. Split between six of you it's feasible. It costs less of course if one of the things is free - say one member is a land-

owner, or a farmer, with a gamekeeper. There are various kinds of syndicates - shared-expenses syndicates, wedding syndicates. Some landowners are deterred by the whole idea and invite people to pay to shoot. The danger with this is that those who are paying are often suspicious that they're not getting the best shooting but are paying for the owner to shoot with his friends in the best woods or on Boxing Day. Anyone with the slightest bit of intelligence who can produce a place to shoot and someone to look after it could form a syndicate: that part isn't difficult - it's the people. There are an awful lot of wingers about. The rules are simple: respect the shoot and obey the captain. Interviews by Judy Froshaug



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BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY - Interim: Albright and Wilson, ASEA AB, Ayrshire Metal Products, British Dredging, International Steel, Bank Co of Jersey, Scottish Eastern Investment, Thomas Nationwide Transport (third quarter), Transport Development. Finalists: Howard Shuttling, Impala Petroleum, Vibroplant. Tomorrow - Interim: Adams and Gibson, Anglo-International Investment, Metal Bulletin, Royal Insurance, Unilever (second quarter). Finalists: Cowan, De Groot, Group Investors, Heilmann Holdings, Metal Trade Suppliers, Restmor Group. WEDNESDAY - Interim: T Clarke, Gaskell Broadloom, Glanfield Lawrence, Horizon Travel, Picoim. Finalists: ML Holdings, Scottish, English and European Textiles, Victor Products. THURSDAY - Interim: Anglo American Industrial Corp, Corah, Hill & Smith, Johnson Group Cleaners, Philips Lamps (second quarter), Squirrel Horn, Stenhouse Holdings, Westminster Property (annual). Finalists: Copelin, EID-Parry (India) (18-month figures), A & J Geffer, McKay Securities Group, Louis Newmark. FRIDAY - Interim: Charles Baynes, Benford Concrete Machinery, GT Asia (Sterling) Fund (quarterly). Finalists: WG Allen & Sons (Tipton), Mining Supplies, Pico, Press Tolls, Waring & Gillow, and Wholesale Fittings.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Today - Group Lotus Car Companies, Lotus Cars, Hethel, Norwich (12.15), Steinberg Group, Steinberg House, Kilm Farm, Milton Keynes (11.00). Tomorrow - Evans of Leeds, Customs Hotel, City Square, Leeds (noon); Intasun, Leisure Group, Howard Hotel, Temple Place, WC2 (11.30). Wednesday - Balgin Group of Companies, Bypass Road, Barking, Essex (9); Charles Hill, Park Hall Hotel, Goldhorn Park, Woburnhampton (noon); Mountview Estates, Regent Palace Hotel, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (noon); Unilock Holdings, Institute of Chartered Accountants, Moorgate Place, EC2 (3.00). Thursday - A. Cohen & Co, 8 Waterloo Place, St James's, SW1 (noon); Greene, King & Sons, The Barn, Harehly Park, Harehly, N. Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk (noon); Philips Patents (Holdings), Grand Hotel, Aytoun Street, Manchester (noon); Scottish & Newcastle Breweries, King James Theatre Hotel, St James Centre, Edinburgh (noon). Friday - Ariel Industries, Allan House, Newark Street, Leicester (4.00); Chamberlain Phipps, The Manor House, Higham Ferrers, Northants (12.30); May Haswell, Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol (noon).

● Rate rise forecast: Interest rates will have to rise in order to reduce the growth in money supply, according to a forecast published today by the Charterhouse Investment and Banking Group. But the higher rates will keep the pound overvalued, restrict industrial recovery and mean a continued rise in unemployment, it adds. ● Beazer contracts: C. H. Beazer (Holdings) has secured two contracts for its security and defence subsidiary, one worth £80,000 to supply bullet-proof doors and fittings for a Hongkong bank and the other to equip an Italian warship with a glass fibre bow dome. ● Hongkong growth: Hongkong's gross domestic product growth is likely to exceed the government's February estimate of 4 per cent in calendar 1983, according to the Colony's Financial Secretary, Mr John Brembridge.

# TSB unveils merger plan paving way for £400m public flotation

Savings bank chief overcomes opposition in regions

Plans for the £400m public flotation of the Trustee Savings Bank will be significantly advanced on Thursday when the TSB's 10 regional banks in England and Wales unveil plans to merge into one nationwide banking unit. The move will follow closely on the merger in May of the four Scottish TSBs to create one unified bank. The TSB reorganization is now progressing rapidly, and it is hoped to offer shares in a new holding company by the spring of 1985 at the latest. This holding company would have six operating subsidiaries: the newly-formed bank in England and Wales; the Scottish TSB; a TSB for Northern Ireland; a Channel Islands bank; United Dominions Trust, the hire-purchase division; and an insurance company. This week's merger takes place under existing legislation, but it is seen as a significant breakthrough by the TSB chairman, Sir John Read, who was brought in to mastermind the sale of the bank. The planned flotation aroused considerable opposition among the more traditional banks in the movement, many of which felt that they should stick to their traditional role. The Read plan, in contrast, envisages the creation of a



Read: Significant breakthrough towards masterminding sale nationwide unit which will rival Barclays, Midland, National Westminster and Lloyds in the high streets and also possibly in the international banking field.

an area where the TSBs have no business. The TSB is, however, substantially smaller than the big four clearing banks in terms of assets. The reorganization of the domestic banking side was foreshadowed before the flotation plan became a live issue, yet entails a significant lessening of the autonomy of the local TSBs. It also represents an acceptance that flotation is now inevitable and that the group should be restructured accordingly. The combined group has reserves of approximately £400m and could command a "rock market" value which matches this. But because no one knows who owns the individual banks - they are thought to be owned ultimately by the depositors - the £400m raised by the float may well be retained by the bank and used to finance new ventures. There is concern, however, that a capital windfall of this nature may lead the TSB into areas where it has no experience. The capital will also help the TSB finance expensive developments in banking, such as the computerized point-of-sale system where a terminal in a department store deducts the amount of a purchase directly from the customer's bank account. And it will allow it to finance the further rationalization of its branch banking network.

## Commonwealth call for trade reforms

Commonwealth finance ministers will discuss a new report calling for important reforms of the international financial and trading system at their annual meeting in Trinidad next month. The report is the work of a nine-member task force set up by the Commonwealth Secretariat after last year's meeting of Commonwealth finance ministers in London. At the meeting, Mr Robert Muldoon, the New Zealand premier, pushed the idea of an international monetary conference along the lines of the Bretton Woods meeting of 1944. His proposals have since received backing from others, including President Francois Mitterrand of France. The new report is likely to set the tone of debate on reforms to the system at the International Monetary Fund World Bank conference which immediately follows the finance ministers' meeting. The new plan calls for greater economic cooperation and

## Tilling Man tipped as Rank chief

Sir Patrick Meany, the former chairman of Thomas Tilling which was taken over this year by BTR, is tipped as the next chairman of Rank Organisation. Last month, Mr Michael Gifford, finance director of Cadbury Schweppes, was appointed Rank's chief executive and it was known that the group was looking for a new chairman. Sir Patrick who is 58, has spearheaded Rank's search for a new chief executive with his fellow Rank non-executive directors. Yesterday, Mr Russell Evans, Rank's chairman, said that he had no comment to make as he had been on holiday. "I understand that Sir Patrick Meany is also away at the moment", he added. Sir Patrick's experience of running a conglomerate would fit in well at Rank with its diverse interests. He is also on the boards of Cable and Wireless, ICI, and Midland Bank.

## Bad debts threat 'ignored'

Banks specializing in Latin America remain by far the most profitable of the consortium banks, according to a survey by IBCA Banking Analysis. However, IBCA questions whether these banks have made sufficient provision for bad debts. It accuses the accountancy profession of having faced this tricky problem by "resolutely ignoring it". European Brazilian Bank and Libra Bank emerge as the most profitable of the 44 consortia



Meany: his experience would fit at Rank

## Hull contract crucial to System X future

The designers of the British electronic digital exchange, System X, are fighting to secure a crucial contract worth about £20m over 10 years in an attempt to prove to the telecommunications world that the technology is commercially viable. They will face stiff competition for the contract, which will be awarded within the next two months by Hull City Council, the only operator of a public telephone system in Britain apart from British Telecom. The contract is a prestigious one and vital to System X, because the exchange has yet to demonstrate that it can compete effectively in the open market against international competition. More than £150m has been spent on System X's development. Some estimates put the figure at £300m. But although its designers claim a technical superiority for it, the exchange has been embarrassingly slow in establishing a foothold in overseas markets. Recent attempts by designers - Plessey, GEC and British Telecom - to secure contracts in India and China have failed. Indeed, in four years' marketing, System X has secured only one overseas contract - a £2m installation, bought by Cable and Wireless for St Vincent in the West Indies. The Hull contract is expected to attract bids from ITT of the US, CIT-Alcatel of France, Northern Telecom of Canada, Ericsson of Sweden and the joint venture of AT&T of the US and Philips of Holland. British Telecom is committed to spend some of its £2,000m annual investment on the installation of System X in Britain over the next decade. It already operates four exchanges and another six or so will be installed within the next 12 months. But the British Telecom contracts have added little to System X's commercial pedigree. The failure to secure an independent home contract will place the system's commercial future in serious jeopardy.

## Group Lotus row averted

Group Lotus shareholders will vote today on the £6.7m rescue of their sports car company by British Car Auction Group and Toyota, the Japanese car group. But threats of a boardroom row taking place at the meeting between Mr Fred Bushell, Lotus chairman, and Mr David Wickins, BCA's chairman, over the calculation of the group's profits, announced last Friday, have receded. Mr Bushell said yesterday that he was discussing a three-year contract with Group Lotus. It emerged over the weekend that Mr Wickins and a co-director, Mr Alan Curtis, had not seen the group's interim results showing a £109,000 profit compared with a £289,000 loss for the same period last year before they were issued to the press and Mr Wickins was worried about taking responsibility for the figures.

## 'Wings' bond warrant launched

"Wings" - warrants in negotiable government securities - took off in the Eurobond market last week. These are another ingenious attempt to separate investors from their money by offering warrants convertible into United States Treasury bonds. The warrants are issued by investment banks and securities houses and are negotiable instruments in bearer form, thus preserving the Eurobond market's traditional anonymity. After a year the warrants lapse and are worthless, but at any stage in their brief life they are exercisable into specified US Treasury bonds. No coupon is attached to the warrants. If the price of the related bond rises, the price of the warrant should go up as well and, in theory, the happy investor makes a profit. Since the warrants are issued at a fraction of the price of the associated security, and without the time and expense of buying US Treasury bonds, they appear to offer a highly attractive and geared way into the Treasury bond market. But there are reservations. The first is that the investor is taking a view on bond prices, which today effectively means how the market reads the intentions of the Federal Reserve and the course of interest rates. Secondly, there is the little matter of the price at which the warrants are exercisable into the bonds. Salomon Brothers, one of the most prestigious names in the market, issued 500,000 warrants last week, half of which are exercisable into US Treasury 10 1/2 per cent 2012 (known in the market as the "old long bond"). The price of the warrant is \$32.50 for each \$1,000 nominal, or 3.25 per cent. That sounds enticing. But Salomon has given notice that the exercise price will be fixed at five points over the price of the bonds tomorrow. If that price is the same as the \$7 on Friday, for the sake of argument, for the old long bond, the premium works out at 9.5 per cent. To show a profit, the investor must assume that yields will fall from more than 12 per cent to less than 11 per cent. Plenty of people in the Eurobond market have doubts about whether prices will rise by that much. They point out, moreover, that making a market in the warrants could be difficult, partly because of their novelty, and partly because of uncertainty about their value after several months. But in fairly dull market which has been overshadowed for most of the year by American interest rates, others confess to being more sanguine.

## Car component firms in danger, survey says Sector's horrific decline

The performance of Britain's motor-vehicle component industry has been "horrific" and has mirrored, if not led, the country's industrial decline, according to a hard-hitting report on the sector published today. The Inter-Company Comparisons survey shows that the industry, usually regarded as the one bright spot in the depressed motor industry, "actually lost money on average £2,000m of sales" in 1981-82. The report, published in the midst of the controversial bid for AE by GKN, covers the performance of 100 companies over the three years up to April last year and concludes that almost half made losses in the last year. "In fact, the losses run up by some companies in the past two years must raise questions as to their survival." The industry has cut its labour force in recent years by as much as 40 per cent and has instituted widespread factory closures. The ICC report shows that 42 companies shed 30,000 jobs in the three years, a drop of 18 per cent to a total labour force of 143,800. Much of the industry's problems stem from the huge increase in imported vehicles, a factor which ICC says has been beyond the control of the parts makers. It adds: "It is far too easy to say that a reduction of capacity earlier, or diversification into other markets and products, should have taken place sooner, but the truth of the matter is that many companies did this and yet they still made losses." "The industry has reduced in size through cutting out spare capacity and labour, both direct and indirect, but if the demand is not forthcoming then many companies may not be able to survive for very much longer." Of the industry's top nine members - those with sales of more than £100m - five failed to show any growth in sales during the three years while only two, AE and Smiths Industries, achieved respectable rises of 10 per cent and 14 per cent respectively. Four companies made losses in the latest of the three years - Lucas, Chloride, Automotive Products and Quinton Hazell. Only one, Smiths, made "what could be considered reasonable margins." ICC says that Smiths has kept profits hovering around the £25m-£26m mark in recent years "through a combination of good management and diversifying into other industries." Meanwhile, another motor industry report published today describes Europe as a "prime example" of an area where resistance to Japanese car imports is "disorganised and full of holes." The report, from Automotive Industry Data, says the fact that members of the European Community have different industrial policies was instrumental in damaging the vehicle industry. Most European countries imposed restrictions on the Japanese but the Japanese responded by expanding their European share through fringes markets such as Scandinavia and the Low Countries. "The net result is that European vehicle manufacturers, blind to the dangers, are losing valuable market share in what are to them traditional export markets." Motor Component & Accessory Manufacturers, ICC, Business Ratios, 28-42 Barnes Street, London, EC1Y 8QE, £121. Japanese Motor Vehicle Exports Strategies and Intentions, Automotive Industry Data, 34 St John Street, Lichfield, Staffs WS13 6PB, £25.

## City Editor's Comment UBM board has option on honour

The announcement that directors of UBM, the builders' merchant, ratified a share option scheme at a board meeting five days before a much-rumoured bid for the group emerged, has raised a number of eyebrows. These directors are now sitting on a paper profit of £389,000. The share option scheme was drawn up in May, presented to shareholders in June, then approved at the annual meeting on July 7. In line with the normal procedures, the allocations of options on 961,000 shares were decided at the next board meeting after the annual meeting on July 29 and the option price was set in line with the then market price of 81p. The four directors involved accepted the option offer in the next few days and the scheme was ratified on August 5. It was five days later that Norcross unveiled its 109p-a-share takeover bid and stock market speculation pushed UBM shares sharply higher on hopes of a counter-bid. They now stand at 121.5p. However, the unfortunate aspect to this affair is that the stock market already appeared to have a good idea a bid was on the way. Speculation in the market On August 4, for instance, the day before the UBM board allocated the options, *The Times* reported: "Talk of a bid of 110p a share sent shares of builders' merchant UBM group racing away 6p to equal the year's high of 95p yesterday." The previous day UBM shares had risen 5p. *The Times* report suggested Pilkington might be the predator but the question nevertheless arises whether in these circumstances UBM directors should have gone ahead with the share option scheme. This is not to suggest that the UBM directors had foreknowledge of a bid or indeed knew anything that other shareholders did not. Mr Roger Pinnington, UBM chief executive, denies any knowledge of the Norcross bid until the day it appeared and Norcross has confirmed this. Of the speculation in the market, Mr Pinnington points out that there have been takeover rumours before. Attempts to discover whether something was afoot this time yielded no evidence of unusual share buying. But the point at issue is a rather different one. It is that share option schemes are meant to be offered as an incentive to management and the purpose of this one was to promote the "future prosperity" of the company by enabling executives involved to identify their interests with those of the shareholders. Should the Norcross bid succeed, it would be very hard to see how this had been achieved. Given the unfortunate timing of events, it would look more as though directors were receiving compensation of a sort and this was not the reason why shareholders approved the scheme in the first place, nor was that why the scheme was proposed. Without a bid the options are not exercisable for three years and the UBM directors would prefer it stayed that way. They have come out firmly against the Norcross bid and without a bid the controversy would go away. In the circumstances, however, the UBM directors would be best advised to waive their rights to the options until the bid battle is over. At the least shareholders should be given another chance to vote on the scheme given the changed circumstances.

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Bespak plc - continued

(iv) Extraordinary charges
The extraordinary charges in the financial year ended 30th April, 1983 represent...

Table showing Dividends and Dividends paid by Bespak companies across various periods from 1979 to 1983.

Table showing Movements on reserves from 27th April 1979 to 29th April 1983.

(vi) Earnings per share
Earnings per share have been calculated on the 10,500,000 Ordinary shares of 10p each in issue and on the profits after taxation and before extraordinary charges for each year.

2. Statements of source and application of funds
The source and application of funds of the Group for each of the five financial years ended 29th April, 1983 were as follows -

Main Statement of Source and Application of Funds table for the Group, showing source of funds, application of funds, and movement in working capital from 1979 to 1983.

4. Balance sheets
The balance sheets of the Group and of Bespak at 29th April, 1983 were as follows -

Balance Sheet for the Group at 29th April 1983, detailing fixed assets, current assets, and liabilities.

Balance Sheet for Bespak at 29th April 1983, detailing fixed assets, current assets, and liabilities.

Notes on the balance sheets
(a) Fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less accumulated depreciation, as follows -

Table providing detailed breakdowns and notes for fixed assets, including freehold land and buildings, plant and machinery, and motor vehicles.

(b) Bespak
Cost or valuation, accumulated depreciation, and net book amount for various assets.

(c) Investment in related company
On 21st July, 1983 Bespak, Inc. was incorporated in the United States as a wholly owned subsidiary...

(d) Stocks and work in progress
The loans to subsidiaries are interest free with unspecified repayment terms...

Table showing proposed dividend and loan commitments for Bespak at 29th April 1983.

(v) Capital commitments
The capital commitments of the Group and of Bespak at 29th April, 1983 represented -

Table showing Capital commitments for the Group and Bespak at 29th April 1983.

1. Accounting policies
(a) Current cost accounts
The current cost accounts have been prepared in accordance with SSAP 14, and accept as stated below, under the same accounting policies as those adopted for the historical cost accounts...

(b) Depreciation adjustment
The depreciation adjustment is the difference between: (a) depreciation calculated on the value of fixed assets in the consolidated current cost balance sheet, using the rates employed in the historical cost accounts; and (b) depreciation charged in the historical cost accounts.

(c) Gearing adjustment
The current cost operating profit is increased by the gearing adjustment to reflect the extent to which the Group is financed by net borrowings rather than by the shareholders.

2. Consolidated current cost profit and loss accounts
The profit and loss accounts of the Group for the two financial years ended 29th April, 1982 and 29th April, 1983 are as follows -

Consolidated Current Cost Profit and Loss Accounts for the Group, comparing 1982 and 1983 figures.

(b) Current cost earnings per share
Current cost earnings per share have been calculated on the 10,500,000 Ordinary shares of 10p each in issue and on the current cost profit after taxation and before extraordinary charges for each year.

3. Consolidated current cost balance sheet of the Group

Consolidated Current Cost Balance Sheet for the Group, detailing fixed assets, current assets, and liabilities.

(e) Fixed assets
Intangible assets, Tangible assets, and Investments.

(f) Current assets
Stocks, Debtors, Bank and cash, and Creditors - amounts falling due within one year.

(g) Liabilities
Net current assets, Net current liabilities, and Net assets.

(h) Stocks and work in progress
Published indices have been used to estimate the net current replacement cost of stocks.

(i) Reserves
Current cost reserves: Valuation surpluses, Reserves, and Monetary working capital adjustment.

(j) Financing of current cost net operating assets
The following summarises the net operating assets on the current cost basis and the method by which these assets were financed.

Table summarizing financing of current cost net operating assets for 1982 and 1983.

Ernst & Whinney, Chartered Accountants. Yours faithfully, Hogg Bullmore & Co., Chartered Accountants.

Appendix II - Statutory and General Information

1. The Company
The Company was incorporated in England as a private company on 22nd March, 1946 under the name of Anco Industries Limited and on 20th March, 1959 changed its name to Bespak Industries Limited...

2. Subsidiary and related companies

Table listing Subsidiary and Related Companies with details on incorporation, country, and share capital.

3. Directors and other interests

(a) The interests of the Directors and their families (all beneficial) in the share capital of the Company as shown by the Register maintained under the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 are as follows -

Table showing Director and other interests in the share capital of Bespak plc.

4. Service Agreements

The following Service Agreements, all dated 22nd November, 1982, have been entered into by the Company -

(a) with Mr. A. Schumann, to act as Managing Director of the Company at a current salary of £20,000 per annum; (b) with Mr. G. E. H. Begley, to act as Finance Director of the Company at a current salary of £24,000 per annum;...

5. Articles of Association

The Articles of Association of the Company contain provisions (inter alia) to the following effect -

(a) Subject to compliance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1948 to 1981, the Company may purchase any of its own shares and may issue shares on terms such that they are able to be redeemed.

(b) The rights attached to any class of shares may be varied or abrogated either with the written consent of the holders of not less than three-fourths of the issued shares of the class or with the sanction of an Extraordinary Resolution passed at a general meeting of the holders of shares of the class.

(c) Subject to any rights or restrictions as to voting attached to any class of shares, at any general meeting of the Company a resolution shall be taken by a majority in number of the votes cast by the shareholders having the right to vote at such meeting.

(d) Subject to any rights or restrictions as to voting attached to any class of shares, at any general meeting of the Company a resolution shall be taken by a majority in value of the votes cast by the shareholders having the right to vote at such meeting.

(e) The Board may exercise all the powers of the Company to borrow money and to mortgage or charge its undertaking, property and uncalled capital or any part thereof and to issue debentures and other securities. The Board is to ensure that the aggregate amount of monies borrowed or secured by the Company does not exceed the amount authorized by the Company.

(f) A Director is not required to hold any qualification shares.

(g) The fees payable to the Directors are to be determined by the Board and may be paid in any currency and by any method and shall be payable to the Director in respect of his services as a Director and not in respect of his services as a shareholder.

(h) No Director or intending Director is disqualified by his office from contracting with the Company nor is any contract or arrangement entered into on behalf of the Company in which any Director is in any way interested liable to be avoided nor is any Director so contracting or being so interested liable to account to the Company for any profit realized thereby, but he shall not be liable to account to the Company for any profit realized by him as a result of such contract or arrangement.

(i) A Director is not liable for negligence, default or breach of duty in connection with his office if he acted honestly and reasonably and ought fairly to be excused from liability for or discharge of his duty.

(j) The giving of any security or indemnity to or in respect of money lent or obligations incurred by him at the request of or for the benefit of the Company or of any subsidiary of the Company or of any other person, shall not be regarded as a breach of his duty if he acted honestly and reasonably and ought fairly to be excused from liability for or discharge of his duty.

(k) Any proposal concerning the purchase of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any of its subsidiaries or the purchase of shares or debentures or other securities of or by any subsidiary of the Company, shall not be regarded as a breach of the duty of a Director if he acted honestly and reasonably and ought fairly to be excused from liability for or discharge of his duty.

(l) Any proposal concerning the subscription of shares or debentures or other securities of or by the Company or any of its subsidiaries or the subscription of shares or debentures or other securities of or by any subsidiary of the Company, shall not be regarded as a breach of the duty of a Director if he acted honestly and reasonably and ought fairly to be excused from liability for or discharge of his duty.

(m) The Directors are not liable for negligence, default or breach of duty in connection with their office if they acted honestly and reasonably and ought fairly to be excused from liability for or discharge of their duty.

(n) The Company may by Ordinary Resolution suspend or revoke the provisions contained in paragraphs (a) to (l) above in relation to any Director or any subsidiary of the Company.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Exchange rates could trim Unilever profits

Unilever will provide the focus of attention in a quiet week for company news when it reports half-year figures tomorrow. First-quarter results issued last May were a little below expectations. Pretax profits fell from £179m to £163m and with no let-up in the depressed trading conditions of Nigeria, a similar sort of shortfall could well have been repeated in the second three months. Brokers are looking for first-half profits of about £360m against £378m in the corresponding period of 1982. Exchange rates have been against the group and traditionally unspecified exceptional items taken above the line are believed to have been higher. However, with the situation in the United States improving all the time, analysts expect the group to make up the shortfall during the second half to give full-year profits of between £725m and £770m against £724 last time. Last week Commercial Union reported figures below and General Accident above expectations. So interim results from Royal Insurance are going to be watched keenly tomorrow. The difficulty in assessing the effect of bad weather on the underwriting result has led to a

broad range of brokers' forecasts with anything from £35m to £45m expected against £32m last time. But most forecasts range from £40m to £42m. Weather damage in the first half was considerably lower than in the corresponding period but nevertheless higher than Royal would think normal. Underwriting losses in the US are inevitably going to be bigger but analysts are expecting some improvement in the UK and Canada. The pound's strength against

As the holiday season hits its peak, Horizon Travel reports its interim results on Wednesday. Pretax profits, which are expected to be about £2m to £2.5m, will be of little more than academic interest to dealers since it covers the quiet winter holiday period. Of more significance will be what the company chairman says are current carrying levels, which brokers expect to be roughly the same as last year. The pound's strength against

brody currencies like the peseta and the dracmas has been of significant benefit to the tour operators who set their prices for this summer as much as a year ago. But the enormous amount of capacity that Horizop put on last year will have damaged margins in a period of little volume growth and brokers expect profits for the year as a whole to fall from £12.5m last time to between £13m and £13.5m.

Johnson Group Cleaners is expected to report interim pretax profits of about £3m on Thursday, making a full-year figure of perhaps £7m against £5.6m last time look possible. Last May, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission saved the group from takeover by booming bids from Sunlight Service Group and Initial Services on the grounds that they would lead to a reduction of competition and a loss of jobs. Price increases and better volume have combined to boost margins while the US is expected to have produced a small profit this year against losses in 1982. In addition volume on the industrial work-rental side of the group is said to be picking up once more after several years of decline. Friday sees full-year results from Waring and Gillett, the furniture and carpet retailer whose shares ride a roller coaster of takeover speculation. Last March the group said it had received an approach which might lead to a bid just days after reporting a half-year loss before tax of £777,000. The company has never said what became of the approach. Jeremy Warner

ECONOMIC VIEW

Looking for the M1 reaction

The reaction of financial markets to last Friday's better-than-expected US money supply figures will be keenly awaited this week. The rise of \$400m in M1 was much less than even revised expectations and M1 growth during the rest of August is also expected to show signs of slowing. There is still concern that US interest rates will eventually move higher but the encouraging money supply figures have at least raised hopes that the next upward movement can be delayed.

This, in turn, could lead to some easing in the dollar's strength. After its precipitate recent rise, the dollar was already softening at the end of last week. And a more stable or weaker dollar would certainly come as a relief to European countries which have seen their own currencies fall sharply against the dollar despite costly attempts at intervention. Britain has so far largely escaped the impact of the dollar's remarkable recent surge

and the upward trend in US rates, but any sign of these potential problems abating is likely to be welcomed by British financial markets. Important economic statistics due this week include July provisional retail sales today and building society monthly figures tomorrow. The June average earnings figures on Wednesday are expected to show almost no change in the index between May and June to leave the underlying rates about 7 per cent.

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CRICKET: NEW ZEALAND HAVE A BATTLE/YORKSHIRE EXTEND THEIR LEAD IN JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE

Botham brings smiles to packed Lord's with a touch of his old swashbuckling form

LORDS: England, with three second-innings wickets in hand, are 341 runs ahead of New Zealand.

There have been gratifyingly few flum faces to be seen at Lord's during the third Test match, sponsored by Cornhill...

On Saturday Botham made runs, took wickets, and held an important catch. That was splendid, and what came through very clearly as he did so was the extent of his public support.

As England finished off New Zealand's first innings in the morning, Botham took three of the four wickets to fall. The other that of Hadlee, went to Cook in the first over of the day.

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent must be doubted. If they were both to strike one of their more strokeless days, I shudder to think what might happen.

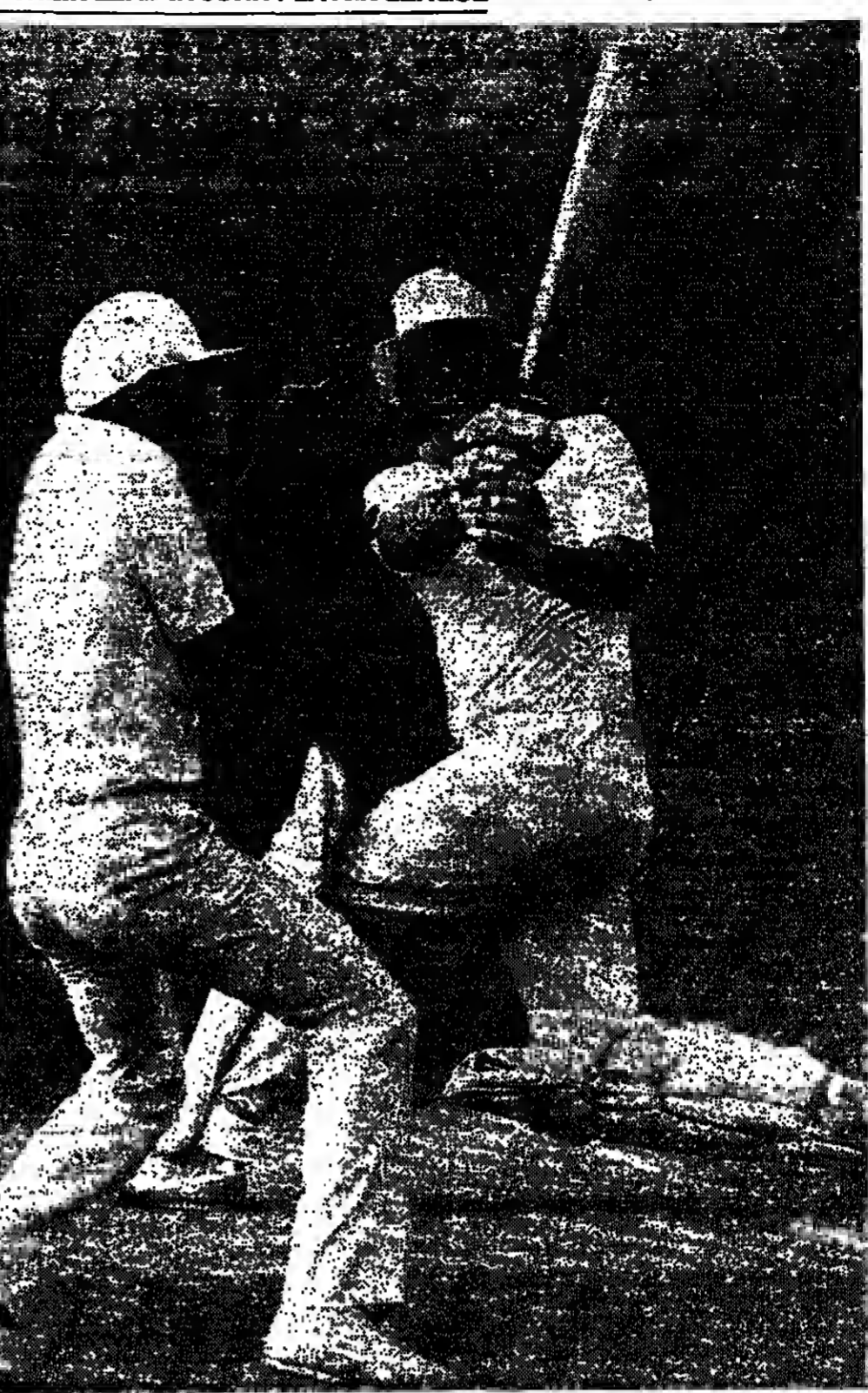
Urging him off the mark and away from that dreaded "pair" at the start of England's second innings, gave the crowd 20 minutes of enjoyable suspense.

Not for the first time it seemed a pity that the play had to end on the dot of six o'clock, the day's quota of 96 over having been bowled—96 seems a skimpy sort of figure anyway.

Not the least of Saturday's charms was the absence of his more mindless noises which tend now to plague cricketing occasions, like the banging together of cans and the churning of names and the blowing of horns.

ENGLAND: First Innings, 338 (1) Over 100, M.V. Gaining 91; R. J. Hadlee 5 for 93.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings, 111 (1) Over 20, M.V. Gaining 11; R. J. Hadlee 5 for 93.



Birth of a comeback: Botham sweeps, Crowe dodges

Tied up in Knott's gloves

By Peter Marson CARDIFF: Kent (pts) beat Glamorgan by 61 runs.

The new batsmen, Crowder and Baptiste, were instantly in tune. Not the least attractive feature in their vivid partnership worth 73 runs in nine overs was an excellent run chase between the wickets.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings, 111 (1) Over 20, M.V. Gaining 11; R. J. Hadlee 5 for 93.

Barnett's blow to Somerset

By Alan Ross DERYBRY: Derbyshire (pts) beat Somerset by 105 runs.

A dreadful mistake behind the wicket by Gould was largely responsible for disposing of Sussex's last hopes of hanging on to their John Player League trophy.

SUSSEX: First Innings, 111 (1) Over 20, M.V. Gaining 11; R. J. Hadlee 5 for 93.

Relentless Yorkshire

CHELLENHAM: Yorkshire (4 pts) beat Gloucestershire by 4 wickets.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings, 111 (1) Over 20, M.V. Gaining 11; R. J. Hadlee 5 for 93.

King has Surrey gazing skywards

By Richard Streetes GUILDFORD: Surrey (4pts) beat Worcestershire by 28 runs.

Earlier it was Knight who quickly put Surrey in charge by Neale close to field. Knight and Pauline added 145 in 23 overs and Lynch added 145 in 23 overs.

SURREY: First Innings, 111 (1) Over 20, M.V. Gaining 11; R. J. Hadlee 5 for 93.

Derbys v Somerset

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DERBYSHIRE: First Innings, 111 (1) Over 20, M.V. Gaining 11; R. J. Hadlee 5 for 93.

Northants v Essex

WELLINGBOROUGH: Essex (4 pts) beat Northamptonshire by two wickets.

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Lancs v Middlesex

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The Man at home in the hot-house

From Levine Mail, Dublin With Brian Barnes taking three puts across the seveneenth green and dragging the seventeenth green...

On Saturday night Ballesteros had said softly, that he was desperately tired, and in need of a bit of breathing space.

When Barnes had a birdie at the fifteenth on get back on level terms, the feeling was that he had perhaps done enough to break Ballesteros.

Overshadowing all else in the county championship on Saturday was the return of J M Brearley, captain extraordinary and psychoanalyst, which is not by stress, to be confused with being a psychoanalyst, Ivo Teanant writes.

Essex, meanwhile, have not given up hope of catching Middlesex, who continue to lead the championship. On the pretty Wellinborough ground they made 282 against Northamptonshire, 800 contributing 60.

The hard going caused several withdrawals from yesterday's open championship, even though the organizers had attempted to improve the situation by harrowing the course the night before.

Only the coffin fence, with its awkward distance, came anywhere near to being a problem fence.

A trophy fumbled

By Alan Ross TRENTHBRIDGE: Nottinghamshire (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by 4 wickets.

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Brearley defies analysis

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John Player League

Table of John Player League results including Yorkshire, Somerset, Essex, Lancashire, Derbyshire, Northants, Warwick, and Leicestershire.

The day belongs to Carr

By Ivo Tennant BURTON COURT: Repton Pilgrims beat Haileybury Hermits by seven wickets.

REPTON PILGRIMS: First Innings, 111 (1) Over 20, M.V. Gaining 11; R. J. Hadlee 5 for 93.

Dooffing the Topper

By a Special Correspondent Iain Morgan became Britain's fifth successive individual gold medal winner when he left at the top yesterday in the European junior show jumping championship, sponsored by Canon and Spillers, at Thorpe Park, Surrey.

Today's fixtures

Table of today's fixtures for various cricket matches including Lancashire, Derbyshire, Northants, Warwick, and Leicestershire.

Wooton on move

Warwickshire are releasing Simon Wooton, aged 24, a left-handed batsman, who scored his maiden century in first-class cricket against Cambridge University to June.





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PUBLIC RELATIONS

Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Lee

BBC 1
6.00 Ceebae AM, News, sport, weather, travel information.
6.30 Breakfast Time. Frank Bough and Sue Cook share the sofa to introduce news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 8.15 morning papers delivered at 7.30 and 8.30. Family Finance feature (6.45-7.00) and Country with Glynis Christian (8.45-9.00).

TV-am
6.25 Good Morning Britain. Nick Owen and Anna Diamond introduce news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00. Sport 6.45, 7.45, 8.30. Morning papers drawn by Irene Handl for Help the Aged 7.00. Diet with Diana Dora, 7.10 (from Friday). Star Romance at 8.05. Roland Rat, meanwhile, visits Oxford from 9.00.



Here's Lucy: Lucille Ball (Channel 4, 6.30pm)

Two aspects of war, unfortunately overlapping each other tonight. THE ZIMBABWE TAPES (Radio 4, 8.00 pm). David Caine's drama documentary, is set amid the war in Zimbabwe between 1976 and 1980. It concerns the role of propaganda and the refraction of truth. Peter Jeffrey plays a white farmer captured by Robert Mugabe's guerrillas and forced to record the events. The tapes counteract his previous propaganda broadcasts. Interestingly, most of the sound inserts in the play were actually taped by the author during the war, and catalogue the experience of being a 'mad' freedom fighter. The National Theatre's John Mathias plays the guerrilla Commander Victory, while Nigel Graham speaks the narration.

BBC 2
6.05 Open University: Urban Development, 6.55 Maths: 7.20 Cancer, Terminal Care; 7.45 The Adam Smith Lecture; 8.10 Closedown.
10.30 Play School: Sophie and Jack (as on BBC 1, 4.20) 10.55 Closedown.
A.18 Critical, continued Test coverage.
6.15 Tappan: Fifteen American television comedy. Respected banker Mr Tappan strikes gold in Alaska. Leo G Carroll stars.
6.40 Cartoon Time.
6.50 Six Fifty-five. Class in the courtyard, led by Barbara Crampton.
6.55 Musical Theatre: A Musical World: Sky High. Musical drama by the pupils of Herold School, in Derbyshire, highlights a conflict of personal and communal interests in a close-knit village.

CHOICE
pm). World in Action follows up the cruel fate of housewife and mother Elaine Evans, who was last seen when her Royal Marine husband Ken had sailed off to war in the South Atlantic. "Like a bad penny, he'll probably turn up again", his worried wife reassured herself. But just four days after her prediction what he has in fact done is been killed, in an Argentinian air raid. Statistically, he was one of 2500 British servicemen who forsook their lives for the Falklands. Tonight's report asks his widow what his loss has meant to her family, one of whom is a Marine cadet as his father once was. Mrs Evans recalls the happy scenes of reconciliation for other families when the Task Force returned trailing clouds of glory. She also reminds us of the harrowing choice faced by all the widows, on whose husbands should be buried. Ken remained, in a corner, supposedly now buried in Britain, and his widow explains how important it is for her visit his grave and the spot where he fell.

Radio 4
6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Week. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.45 Prayer for the Day, 6.55, 7.05 Weather.
6.45 Today's News, 7.25, 8.25 Sport, 8.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary, 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.35 The Week on 4.
8.40 Second to the Right and Straight on 78 Morning by Lance.
8.45 The Five Parts, Read by Karl Johnson, 8.57 Weather: Travel.
8.50 News: Start the Week with Richard Baker.
10.40 News: A Small Country Living. Magazine for people in the Channel Islands.
10.50 Morning Story: The Shepherd's Magic Crook by Douglas Orr.
10.55 Daily Service.
10.55 News: Travel: Down Your Way.
11.45 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
1.55 News: Woman's Hour. Includes an investigation into heat weather conditions by Lyn Ten.
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Radio 3
6.55 Weather, 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert. Part one.
7.15 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS
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Looking back with the Great Western

By Kenneth Gosling When the photographers of the Great Western Railway went out with their plate cameras at the turn of the century they brought back not only pictures of trains, stations and newly-appointed station-masters but a unique record of life in town and country.

Their glass negatives gathered dust in hundreds of boxes stored at Paddington station, west London. Little of their work appeared on seaside posters or as views in railway carriages.

Now Mr Alan Brock, a photographic consultant, has begun cataloguing and processing a quarter of a million negatives retrieved from storage as part of a joint venture by British Rail and the Oxford Publishing Company.

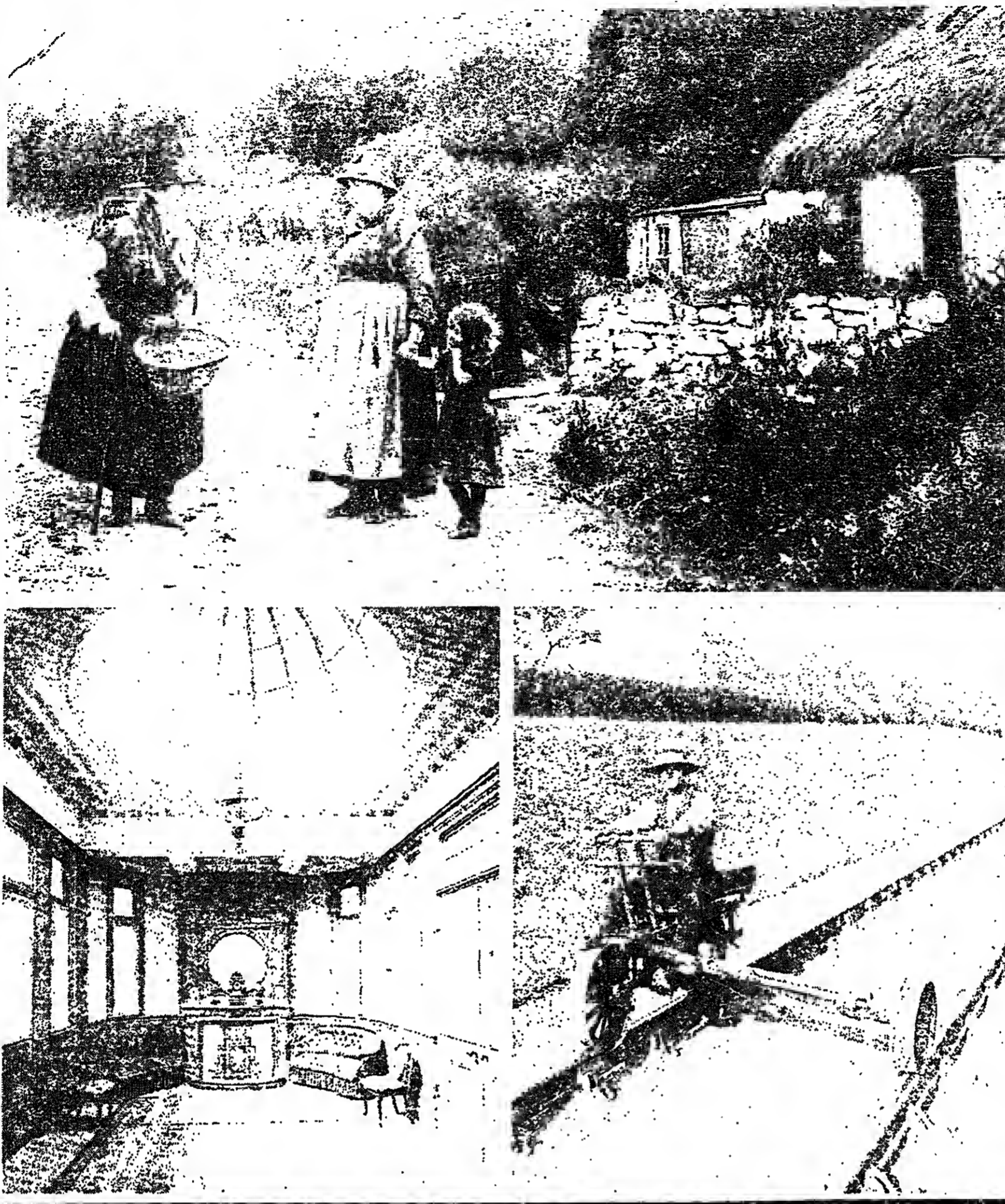
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Letter from Moscow Andropov breaks with the seaside routine

Where do Russian leaders go in summer? The traditional answer is the Black Sea, although in this (as in other things) Mr Andropov seems to have a style of his own.

The first elite dachas at Sochi were built at the turn of the century. The Tsar's pseudo-Renaissance palace at Livadia, along the coast at Yalta, was completed in 1911. It served as the site of the 1945 Yalta conference, no doubt because Stalin liked the climate (even in February).

Khrushchev preferred palm-fringed Pitsunda, on the Georgian Black Sea coast, but Brezhnev moved the Kremlin's summer headquarters back to the Crimea, and spent many an August sailing, sunbathing and receiving foreign guests at Oreanda, looking for all the world like one of President Nixon's less savoury business companions, in his windcheater and dark glasses.

Each new Soviet leader always finds fault with his predecessor's summertime arrangements, so that the whole paraphernalia of presidential communications, including the hotline to the White House, has to be carted off to some new specially-equipped dacha.

Mr Andropov has full access to the Politburo Crimean dachas. But he seems to prefer to spend his leisure time (when he has any) in the mountains of his native Caucasus.

Mr Andropov has a new and fully-equipped dacha just outside Moscow, so that he can enjoy the woods and the Moscow River while being able to dash down to the Kremlin in a convoy of black limousines if the need arises.

He also has a presidential flat not far from the city centre, not the same street as the Kremlin office, but does not often use it, possibly because it now bears a plaque saying: "Leonid Ilyich Brezhnev lived here."

But when the sun sparkles above the mountain lakes and meadows of the Caucasus, Mr Andropov is drawn to the spa of Kislovodsk, about 3,000 ft above sea level. Kislovodsk is not far from the Soviet leader's birthplace in the Stavropol region.

It has long been a centre for the treatment of nervous and cardiac disorders, not to mention kidney complaints and diabetes, all of which sounds like a summary of Mr Andropov's last check-up.

The spa was founded in 1823, and produces the only drinkable Russian mineral water, called Narzan. At the exclusive sanatorium at Red Stones (so named because of the red sandstone formations; there are also grey stones and blue stones) VIPs can take a rest cure while gazing at a backdrop of snow-capped peaks and mountain greenery.

Or they can take the waters at the spa, with its English Gothic revival (1849) and Indian imperial (1903) style buildings.

Both the spas in the Caucasus and the beach resorts of the Black Sea are popular with less elevated Russians, although the accommodation and service are somewhat less exclusive.

In Russia there is no question of checking into the hotel of your choice. Factories and offices across the Soviet Union issue "houses of rest" and sanatoria.

The conditions may be sparse, but *putyovkay* are much sought after, and hotel-owners say they live like kings for a few weeks compared to the drudgery of their daily lives.

Most Russians expect their leaders to live well and do not seem to resent ostentatious privilege (not aloud at any rate).

As they sunbathe at Suchi and Sukhumi, Soviet holiday-makers are aware that their leaders enjoy a more luxurious lifestyle behind well-guarded walls, but say there is not much they can do about it and admit they would probably do the same if they were in power.

In this sense, Mr Andropov, while satisfyingly stern and disciplinarian over public policy, is rather disappointingly austere and spartan in private life. Russians identify rather more with Brezhnev, who unashamedly enjoyed the good life.

Not long before he died he invited a foreign communist leader to his Crimean dacha and sat with him on the vast and otherwise empty beach. Drinking cognac brought out by the dacha servants and listening to dissident songs on a portable gramophone.

Brezhnev was observed by a Moscow intellectual who was holidaying on a VIP beach near by.

It is difficult to imagine the Narzan-sipping Mr Andropov either getting mellow on the beach over a bottle of cognac or allowing anyone to get close enough to watch him.

Richard Owen

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,208

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-27 and letters A-Z.

- ACROSS 1 Fine art that adds fictitious detail (10). 2 Polish enthusiast (4). 3 Early stages Wordsworth connected with heaven (7). 4 Sound advice to act as old magistrate, so as to dispossess (7). 5 Anger about nearly all French hangers-on (9). 6 Makes flat for senior churchman in quarters (5). 7 A cast it's a pleasure to have (5). 8 Science of words is gloomy yet needs revision (9). 9 Dangerous line for those seeking promotion in Lilliput (9). 10 One-man drawing device (5). 11 In which Hengist and Horsa break a sword (5). 12 Boy meets girl - divine intuition (9). 13 How to hold something you mustn't touch (2,5). 14 One held by landlord as a man of property (7). 15 How minute a bird can be (4). 16 The fly in the Cock Robin affair (3-7).

DOWN 1 Roman magistrate rising to suppress a letter (5). 2 Sutting - and what it should do when made up (9).

The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No. 16,207 will appear next Saturday

Today's events

Exhibitions in progress Paintings by Dennis Knight and Constance Stubbs. The Hoadleigh Gallery (140 & Ends Scullery), 131 High Street, Huddleigh, Ipswich. Tues to Sat 10 to 4, Sun 3 to 4, closed Wed afternoon (until Sept 31). Local Lark: Countryside exhibition. Brook, Isle of Wight. Mon to Sat 10.30 to 6.30, Sun 2.30 to 6 (until Aug 31). Through Children's Eyes. Arts Council exhibition, Ferns Art Gallery, Queen Victoria Square, Hull. Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 4.30 (until Sept 11).

Talks, lectures

Kenya and Uganda, by Mike Knowles, Birmingham and Midland Institute, Margaret Street, Birmingham, 10.30.

Music

Orphan recital by Rowland Cotterill, Coventry Cathedral, 1.05. Douglas Town Band, Sea Terminal, Douglas, Isle of Man, 8.

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes are: £100,000, 3Ks 918653 (the winner comes from Norfolk); £50,000, 10KN 743934 (Norseyville); £25,000, 222N 322904 (London borough of Haringey).

The pound

Table with columns: Bank, Boys, Sells, Australia 5, Austria 5, Belgium Fr, Canada \$, Denmark kr, Finland Mk, France Fr, Germany DM, Greece Dr, Hongkong \$, Iceland Pt, Italy Lira, Japan Yen, Netherlands Gld, Norway Kr, Portugal Esc, South Africa Rd, Spain Pta, Sweden Kr, Switzerland Fr, USA \$, Yugoslavia Dnr.

The Times/Halifax house price index

Table showing monthly index average of second-hand houses (seasonally adjusted) for Dec 1977 to Jun 1983. Columns: Index, Average price (£), % change over preceding 1 year, 6 months, 3 months.

Average regional prices of second-hand houses (not seasonally adjusted)

Table showing average regional prices for North, North-west, South-west, East Anglia, South-east, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland.

Nature notes

Herons still stand on their nests, though their young are fully grown and can only be distinguished by their grey heads and rudimentary crests. Sometimes a flock of 10 or 12 will set off to feed together; they call to each other with a duck-like quack, rather than the usual deep honk of a solitary bird. Lapwings are beginning to arrive from the Continent: the first flocks consist mainly of young birds who have set off ahead of their parents. Starlings wheel in the air like swallows, in pursuit of flying insects. Blackbirds are moulted; they look like worn velvet cushions.

Roads

London and South-east: A13: Roadworks at Aldford's Way junction of Movers Lane, Berkings. A308: Temporary lights at Staines Road East, Sunbury, 9.30am to 4pm. A10: Single lane off-pipe at Wadesmill, Hertfordshire. Midlands: A1: Lanes closed at Colsterworth, Lincolnshire. A38: One carriageway closed on Burton upon Trent bypass; diversion at Clay Mill. A49/A468: Roadworks at Belmont roundabout, Hereford; diversion. North: A1: Roadworks on south Belford bypass, Northumberland. A66: Repairs on Eden Bridge, Kirkby Murre, Cumbria. A53: Roadworks on London Road South, Poynton, Cheshire. Wales and West: A5: Roadworks at Bethesda and Llafair, Gwynedd. A420: Temporary lights at Llynemham (Acon Bridge), Wiltshire. A449: Single lane only north of Uak. Scotland: M74: Northbound carriageway shared between junctions 2 and 1 (Larkhall) and end of motorway. A86: Single lane temporary lights SW of Loch Laggan. A902: Single lane southbound Quality Street, Glasgow. Information supplied by the AA.

Lighting-up time

London 8.24 pm to 5.17 am. Bristol 9.04 pm to 5.26 am. Edinburgh 12.21 pm to 5.18 am. Manchester 9.08 pm to 5.19 am. Penzance 9.12 pm to 5.42 am.

Anniversaries

Births: Napoleone Bonaparte, Ajaccio, Corsica, 1769; Sir Walter Scott, Edinburgh, 1771; Walter Crane, painter, Liverpool, 1843; James Keir Hardie, founder 1893 of the Independent Labour Party, Lebrannock, Lanarkshire, 1856; Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, composer, London, 1875.

Weather

Pressure will be low in N Britain and high in SE. A weak frontal trough will be over N Scotland.

London, Midlands, Central N and S, SE, E SW England, East Angles, Channel Islands, S Wales: Sunny, pleasant; wind SW, light or moderate; max 20 to 24C (70 to 80F). N Wales, NW, NE England, Lakes District, Isle of Man: Bright or sunny periods; wind SW, moderate; max 22 to 24C (72 to 75F). Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Mostly, or partly, intervals; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max 21 to 23C (70 to 75F). SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: Cloudy; rain in places; sunny intervals; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max 20 to 22C (68 to 72F).

Monday 15th, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy at times, rain in places, some sunny intervals; wind SW, fresh or strong; max 15 to 17C (59 to 63F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Dry and very warm or hot in most places, becoming cooler and more cloudy with rain, especially in W.

SEA PASSAGES: 5 North Sea: Wind SW, light to moderate; sea smooth to slight. Straits of Dover, English Channel (E) Wind light, variable, sea smooth. St George's Channel: Wind S, moderate or fresh; sea slight to moderate. Irish Sea, W of S. Irish, locally strong; sea moderate, locally rough.

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 8 am to 8 pm, 26C (80F); min 8 pm to 8 am, 15 (60F). Humidity: 6 pm, 48 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil in Sun; 24hr to 6 pm, 12.0in. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1012.1 millibars falling.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Farnborough (S) 30.0; lowest day temp: Cape Wrath (S) 6.0; highest rainfall: Far Isle, 0.6in; highest sunshine: Valley, 13.9hr.

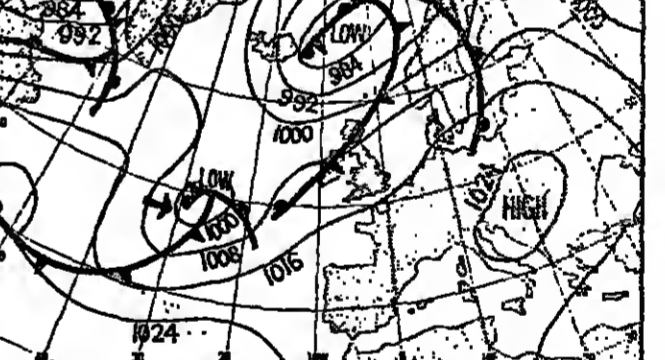
Around Britain

Table showing sun, rain, and max temp for various locations across Britain.

Yesterday

Table showing sun, rain, and max temp for various locations across Britain for the previous day.

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars



High tides

Table showing high tide times for various locations including London Bridge, Aberdeen, Avonmouth, Belfast, Cardiff, Devonport, Dover, Falmouth, Glasgow, Harwich, Hull, Inverness, Leith, Liverpool, Lowestoft, Margate, Newcastle, Newport, Oban, Penzance, Portland, Southampton, Swansea, and Tynes.

Around

Table showing weather conditions (C, F) for various locations around the world.

Yesterday

Table showing weather conditions (C, F) for various locations around the world for the previous day.

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